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SKATE PARK IS NEARING START

A £200,000 skate park and recreation centre in Stourbridge has taken a major step forward after a lease was signed for the property.

International cycling champion Gavin Pardoe is now ready to build Unit3Sixty after he signed a 10-year lease on two units on Mill Race Lane, on the Stourbridge Estate.

By Katy-Rose Meaney

Riders and BMX enthusiasts will soon be able to perform flips and tricks at the new urban recreation centre, when it opens in time for the summer holiday.

Over the next few weeks, the units will become a CAD-designed and precision CNC-cut skate park, complete with previously unseen obstacles within an indoor skate park.

As well as the world championship standard indoor skate park with ramps, rails and jumps, the centre will also house an intermediate level skate park; a mini balance bike course for two to five-year-olds, graffiti art studio, DJ academy, urban dance area, café, and shop.

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Mr Pardoe, who is now Stourbridge Fire Station's watch commander, said: "While the main focus of the centre is to provide high quality recreation space for children and young people I hope the venue will eventually be used to house jams and competitions.

"Stourbridge used to be home to an indoor skate park in the basement of a multi-storey car park but it was demolished to make way for the town centre regeneration."

Mr Pardoe represented Great Britain at cycling and won national and international medals. He added: "Local young people have had nowhere to enjoy their skateboarding or biking.

"There is a big skate and BMX scene in the area but people have had to travel up to 60 miles away to reach a good indoor facility.

"It's taken time to get the right funding in place for the centre but we are very excited that we can at last start working on getting the fixtures and fittings right, so that we can provide a premium facility that will attract people from all over the Midlands."

It is hoped that Unit3sixty, which has secured funding from Dudley Council Community Enterprise Fund, Sport England, Charity Bank and The Margaret Westwood Charity, will create up to 12 jobs.

Mr Pardoe said the project would also aim to help reduce the number of anti-social behaviour cases among children and young people in the local community by working closely with them to provide an indoor urban recreation centre that they are proud to use.

He said: "Unit3sixty will work with police and other emergency services to get young people off the streets."

UKIP could target Dudley North

Reasons to be cheerful, UKIP's Bill Etheridge celebrates his election as an MEP

UKIP could target the Dudley North seat of Labour MP Ian Austin after its unprecedented gains in European and council elections.

The party's spokesmen in the West Midlands are to talk with leader Nigel Farage about putting it among 20 to 30 target seats in which it will 'ruthlessly' campaign in 2015.

The party won the European Parliament election and also UKIP won seven council seats in Dudley.

Dudley North was a key marginal seat at the 2010 General Election.

Mr Austin held it by a majority of just 649 against his Tory challenger and UKIP won 3,267 votes.

Bill Etheridge, who took Sedgley for UKIP and was then elected to the European Parliament, is the prospective Parliamentary candidate in Dudley North.

He said the party would be dissecting the results to find out which wards hold their greatest support.

"I think we're becoming the main opposition to Labour around here," he said.

"We don't have the resources of the other parties so we have to target seats carefully."

He added: "We will have a conversation with Nigel about it."

Former Labour Stourbridge MP Lynda Waltho failed in her bid to become an MEP for the West Midlands.

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Mosque appeal is backed by judge

THE long-running bid to build a mosque in Dudley has taken a new twist after Muslim leaders won the right to a second High Court appeal.

One of the country's most senior judges claimed there could be 'political' motivations to allegedly block the scheme as he allowed Dudley Muslim Association to take its case to the Court of Appeal.

Dudley Council launched a legal bid to reclaim land, in Hall Street, which had been earmarked for the site of the pound mosque.

The association lost its initial appeal after its defence against the move was struck out at at the High Court.

But now the association has been granted the chance to mount a second appeal after Judge Sir Stephen Sedley ruled there was an 'arguable' case the council may have committed an 'abuse of power' over its dealings with the association.

The case will be heard at the Court of Appeal at a date to be confirmed later this year. If it is successful, it will then go to trial.

In February, High Court Deputy Judge David Halpern upheld the council's decision to throw out the plans. But at the latest court hearing Sir Stephen disagreed.

24-hour plan for fast food

FAST food chain McDonald's wants to turn its restaurant in Dudley Road, Kingswinford, into a 24 hours a day operation.

Bosses have applied to Dudley Council to change its premises licence and extend its opening hours.

The company said will create between 10 and 15 new positions. The application was due to be discussed by councillors this week.

The firm also lodged plans to change the drive through of its site in Park Road, Halesowen.

Market scheme revealed for town

A TWICE-MONTHLY food and craft market is set to be launched in Stourbridge.

Plans have been lodged to set up the outdoor market in the town centre by LSD Promotions.

It runs markets in Kidderminster, Wolverhampton and Bilston as well as a variety of themed markets.

The firm previously ran farmers markets in Stourbridge and has its head office in the town.

But now bosses want to secure the right to run a market close to the Ryemarket shopping centre near the High Street entrance.

A proposal has been tabled to Dudley Council's licensing committee, which was due to discuss it on Wednesday.

The market would take place on the first and third Saturday of the month between 9am and 4pm,.

A report to the committee said the intention would be to replace the former market by the clock.

Further details on types and numbers of stalls have yet to be released but are expected to be discussed during the meeting.

No objections have been submitted, the report said.

The market that ran opposite The Mitre pub ended in March due to dwindling numbers. It once had up to 80 stalls.

Dance doubt for BGT Paddy

CONCERNS have been growing for Stourbridge salsa star Paddy Jones after she injured herself rehearsing for this week's Britain's Got Talent.

Paddy, aged 79, on the show is understood to have fallen on Friday as she and her partner Nico Espinosa, 40, practised their routine at her home in Spain, injuring her ribs.

Doctors have seen her and she has been told to rest by show bosses who hope she will recover in time.

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The winners and the losers in battle for votes in local and European elections

Labour in control but it's UKIP celebrating

by Alex Ross

LABOUR retained control of Dudley Council – but it was UKIP's night as the party gained seven seats and forced the Tories into third place in some wards.

Despite losing two seats, Labour widened its lead on the authority to 20 councillors.

The Conservatives won two seats, but lost a total of six, many going the way of UKIP. The party now has nine councillors, two of them who had defected from Conservatives before Thursday's election.

The most notable Conservative casualties were former deputy leader Tim Wright, Tina Westwood and Jeff Hill. Tina Westwood lost her seat to UKIP'sBill Etheridge by 203 votes, while UKIP's Dean Perks saw off Conservative Doreen Ameson in Upper Gornal.

Councillor Etheridge said: "The campaign has been wonderful, locally we have been very positive in the face of national smears and the people of Dudley know that we are passionate about the key issues what are important to them.

"We want to focus on free parking in Dudley and a full audit of the council's spending."

After being announced the winner, Mr Etheridge said: "We are in Dudley and we are going to fight every election. Tonight has shown a wave. We are the future, stick with us because we are going places."

Labour Council leader David Sparks retained his seat after a closely-run battle with UKIP's Helen Wimlett in the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood ward. He won by 104 votes.

He said: "I am extremely relieved. We will continue to focus on community services, especially improvements to parks, including the Saltwells Nature Reserve and try to ensure Quarry Bank and Dudley get a fair deal. The next two years, however, will be very difficult."

Opposition leader for the Conservatives, Councillor Patrick Harley, who held on to his Kingswinford South ward, admitted it had been a difficult night for the Conservatives.

He said: "I think at the next general election things will resume to normal. It is a wake up call for all the political parties to listen what people on the ground are saying."

It was not plain sailing for Labour, however. Many senior councillors were pushed to the line by rival UKIP councillors

Cabinet regeneration boss Judy Foster saw off UKIP's Susan Longmore in the Brockmoor and Pensnett ward by 202 votes. Deputy leader Peter Lowe also got through on the Lye and Stourbridge ward, beating Conservative Asan Mishaq, followed by UKIP's Sarah Wilson, by 376.

Bill Etheridge, the successful UKIP candidate for Sedgley, also became one its West Midlands MEPs

UKIP's Roger Scott-Dow receives a kiss from his wife Carol after Gornal from the Conservatives

Pensive council leader, Councillor David Sparks, kept his Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood seat for Labour

Dudley mayor Alan Finch, right, who retained Castle and Priory for Labour, with ex-mayor Councillor Michael Evans

A ward-by-ward look at where the electorate put their crosses

Amblecote

Paul Bradley (UKIP)	1,093
Colin Banks (Con)*+	1,022
Glenn Horton (Lab)	894
Catherine Maguire (Green)	133
Harold Hanson (Lib Dem)	87
UKIP gain	Majority 71

Belle Vale

Ian Cooper (Lab)	1,299
Robert Heeley (UKIP)	1,176
Tarsem Singh Sidhu (Con)*+	943
John Payne (Green)	207
Lab gain	Majority 123

Brierley Hill

Zafar Islam (Lab)*	1,084
Raymond Franklin (UKIP)	960
Dan Jones (Con)	493
Gordon Elcock (Green)	189
Lab hold	Majority 124

Brockmoor & Pensnett

Judy Foster (Lab)*	1,162
Susan Longmore (UKIP)	960
Nicola Richards (Con)	437
Ben Sweeney (Green)	99
Lab hold	Majority 202

Castle & Priory

Alan Finch (Lab)*	1,424
Mick Forsyth (UKIP)	1,137
David Simms (Con)	515
Lisa Fisher (Green)	124
Lab hold	Majority 287

Coseley East

Star Etheridge (UKIP)	1,200
Sue Ridney (Lab)*	1,167
Martin Duffield (Con)	524
Ken Griffiths (BNP)	123
Adrian Crossen (Green)	95
UKIP gain	Majority 33

Cradley & Wollescote

Tim Crumpton (Lab)*	1,460
Lee Sargeant (UKIP)	1,057
Steve Clark (Con)	623
Karlie Marie Owen (Green)	136
Lab hold	Majority 403

Gornal

Roger Scott-Dow (UKIP)	1,547
Serena Craigie (Lab)	1,336
Tim Wright (Con)*	1,095
Francis Sheppard (Green)	90
UKIP gain	Majority 211

Halesowen N

Stuart Henley (UKIP)	1,236
Jeff Hill (Con)*	1,169
Elizabeth Keenan (Lab)	1,161
Daniel Archer (Green)	152
UKIP gain	Majority 67

Halesowen S

Nicholas Gregory (Con)*+	1,770
John Marshall (UKIP)	988
Dave Austin (Lab)	896
Tim Weller (Green)	203
Con hold	Majority 782

Hayley Green & Cradley S

Andrea Goddard (Con)*+	1,256
Adrian Turner (UKIP)	1,234
Ian McGarry (Lab)	885
Colin Royle (Green)	180
Con hold	Majority 22

Kingswinford N & Wall Heath

Natalie Neale (Con)	1,704
Mike Rumble (UKIP)	1,090
Lynn Boleyn (Lab)*	1,071
Liz Jednorog (Green)	131
Con gain	Majority 614

Kingswinford

Patrick Harley (Con)*	1,561
Alan Etheridge (UKIP)	1,065
Shaz Saleem (Lab)	917
Vicky Duckworth (Green)	184
Con hold	Majority 496

Lye & Stourbride N

Pete Lowe (Lab)*	1,365
Asan Mishaq (Con)	989
Sarah Wilson (UKIP)	986
Dennis Neville (Green)	140
Lab hold	Majority 376

Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews

Elaine Taylor (Lab)*+	1,238
Stephen Daniels (UKIP)	1,093
Bill McComish (Green)	893
Kamran Razzaq (Con)	324
Lab hold	Majority 348

Norton

Colin Elcock (Con)*	1,794
David Powell (UKIP)	890
Rob Clarke (Lab)	634
Christopher Brammall (Lib Dem)	367
Pam Archer (Green)	270
Con hold	Majority 904

Pedmore & Stourbridge E

Mike Wood (Con)*+	2,014
Glen Wilson (UKIP)	913
Julie Baines (Lab)	905
Liz Tilly (Green)	180
Simon Hanson (Lib Dem)	152
Con hold	Majority 1,101

Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood

David Sparks (Lab)*	1,224
Helen Wimlett (UKIP)	1,120
Tim Wood (Con)	533
Martin Cotterell (Green)	172
Lab hold	Majority 104

Sedgley

Bill Etheridge (UKIP)	1,536
Tina Westwood (Con)*	1,333
Wayne Male (Lab)	749
Janet Sheppard (Green)	149
UKIP gain	Majority 203

St James

Khurshid Ahmed (Lab)*	1,217
Philip Rowe (UKIP)	1,183
Malcolm Davis (Con)	673
Christian Kiever (Green)	124
Lab hold	Majority 34

St Thomas

Steve Waltho (Lab)*	1,747
Phil Wimlett (UKIP)	1,109
Daryl Millward (Con)	459
Christian Green (Green)	113
Lab hold	Majority 638

Upper Gornal & Woodsetton

Dean Perks (UKIP)	1,574
Tracy Wood (Lab)	966
Doreen Ameson (Con)*	850
Jez Pettifor (Green)	110
UKIP gain	Majority 608

Wollaston & Stourbridge

Nicolas Barlow (Con)	1,355
Barbara Sykes (Lab)*	1,213
Barbara Deeley (UKIP)	945
Lawrence Rowlett (Green)	280
Margaret Hanson (Lib Dem)	161
Con Gain	Majority 142

Wordsley

Paul Brothwood (UKIP)	1,263
John Jones (Con)*	1,088
Su Lowe (Lab)	1,081
Maurice Archer (Green)	140
UKIP gain	Majority 1 75

* Sitting candidate + New candidate

The future is purple, says MEP Etheridge

THE UK Independence Party has been basking in the sunshine of success in the European Parliament elections, despite one of their three new West Midland MEPs making umbrellas for a living.

But while UKIP enjoyed their victory with seven seats up for grabs in the region, there was nothing for the Liberal Democrats to celebrate having lost their only West Midlands seat in the Brussels parliament. Labour, meanwhile, doubled its tally of MEPs.

The Conservatives won two seats having previously held three. Former UKIP MEPs Mike Nattrass and Nikki Sinclaire, who both formed breakaway Eurosceptic groups, also lost their seats.

Newly-installed Dudley Councillor, Bill Etheridge, has had a double celebration after winning the votes to become a UKIP MEP.

Mr Etheridge, aged 44, had already stood as UKIP's candidate to be the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012 but came fourth behind Labour, the Tories and an independent candidate.

The victorious Mr Etheridge declared: "The future's bright, the future's purple."

And he said he would continue to serve as a local councillor, despite his new job in Brussels.

Newly elected MEP Jill Seymour, aged 56, declared that voters were 'fed up' of the 'same old rhetoric and spin' as she celebrated with supporters and her husband Brian, aged 77.

Umbrella-maker and fellow new MEP James Carver, aged 44, has been with UKIP since 1996.

Newly-elected member Neena Gill, aged 57, was an MEP for Labour from 1999 to 2009 but lost her seat in the last election. Second on Labour's list was Sion Simon, aged 45, the former Erdington MP.

Meanwhile, Tory MEP Philip Bradbourn, aged 62, has now held his seat in Brussels since 1999.Anthea McIntyre, aged 59, was not elected in the 2009 poll but got her seat after officials within the European Parliament decided the West Midlands should have another seat.

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Passenger safety is focus for specials

A DOZEN new volunteer officers are now patrolling the buses, trams and trains of the West Midlands, as part of a scheme to crack down on crime.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones said the Special Constables had just completed their training, and were now supporting the regular officers serving on the public transport network.

The move forms part of the Safer Travel Plan, a joint venture between the police, public transport authority Centro and bus operator National Express.

Mr Jones added that 240 high-definition closed-circuit television cameras has also been installed at 23 railway stations across the West Midlands, monitored from Birmingham.

He added that reviews would be carried out at every railway station, tramp stop and bus station in the West Midlands looking at how they can make them make them less attractive to criminals.

Mr Jones said since the plan was adopted in September, the number of passengers who expressed worry about the behaviour of others passengers had fallen from 17 to 10 per cent.

Call for store work to start

SUPERMARKET giant Morrisons has won approval to build a new store in Dudley and councillors urged bosses to start worked as soon as possible.

Revised plans for a supermarket in Kingswinford, which will create more than 350 jobs, secured the backing of Dudley Council planning committee this month.

The size of the store, in Stallings Lane, was downscaled by officials to allow the sales floor, car parking and service yard to be on one level. Dudley's planning boss Councillor Qadar Zada asked Morrisons to make progress on the scheme.

Flats for sale

A COURTYARD development in the centre of Dudley has gone up for sale, with an asking price of £1.65million. Northgate House, High Street, is being marketed by Humberstones, Quinton. It has 38 bedsits and several retail and office units around a courtyard.

GP may appeal over German locum's fatal blunder

Dr Stuart Gray – may appeal

THE family of a father killed by a drugs overdose administered by an 'incompetent' doctor have described a decision not to extradite him to the UK as a 'green light for charlatans'.

David Gray, aged 70, died in 2008 after being given an overdose of painkillers by a German locum who was working his first shift for an out-of-hours service.

The pensioner's family wanted Dr Daniel Ubani to face trial in the UK over the death. But this has been rejected by German authorities who prosecuted him in his home country.

The decision was upheld by the European Court of Human Rights, which ruled it had found no violation of human rights after examining the family's claim that the German investigation was flawed.

Following the ruling, Mr Gray's sons, Stuart, a GP from Blakedown, and Rory, said they are looking into whether they could lodge an appeal.

Dr Gray, who works at Church View surgery in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, said the case had got wider ramifications for the UK.

"We need to digest this and go back to our lawyers and see if we can lodge an appeal or not," he said.

His brother Rory added: "German authorities convicted him of a minor misdemeanour. This is a green light for charlatans to go to other countries and do whatever they like."

A UK coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing at the inquest on Cambridgeshire grandfather-of-four Mr Gray. He described Mr Gray's death as 'gross negligence and manslaughter' and said Dr Ubani was 'incompetent'.

Dr Ubani, 67, a Nigerian-born German citizen, who had been working for SuffDoc, part of the out-of-hours GP provider Take Care Now, at the time of Mr Gray's death, was struck off in the UK.

He is still able to work in Germany, where he was fined the equivalent of £6,168.

Tuition centre plan to open in shopping centre

A CHILDREN'S tuition centre looks set to be the latest addition to a £50 million shopping complex with 20 jobs to be created if the plan goes ahead.

Explore Learning wants to open within two units at the Crown Centre in Stourbridge. The firm launched in 2000 and already has 90 education centres across the UK.

The proposed move follows the opening of sandwich chain Subway and cobblers Timpson, although there are still empty units at the centre.

In a planning application to change the use of the retail units to an education centre, Explore Learning said the centre would be open seven days a week with up to 100 tutoring sessions a day.

Parents

The firm's planning agents Walsingham Planning submitted a document in support of the proposal. It said the centre would encourage parents to use surrounding shops, create employment and increase the diversity of businesses in the town centre.

The document said: "Explore Learning first started operating in concession units within Sainsbury's supermarkets. The success of these units quickly led the company to expand into stand-alone units located within defined retail centres."

The centres are open during term-time and holidays for children aged from five to 14.

They are designed to support a child's school education and have an emphasis on Maths and English.

Body found in car is identified

AN inquest has been opened and adjourned into a man found dead in a burned out car in Cradley Heath.

Mark William Palmer, of no fixed address, was discovered by fire crews after they put out the blaze on May 10.

Smethwick Coroners Court was told last week that emergency services had been called to Lower High Street at its junctions with Chester Road and Forge Lane.

Coroner investigator Margaret Collins said once the flames had been put out firefighters became aware of the occupant. Investigations are being carried out into the cause of the fire.

The inquest was told Dudley-born Mr Palmer, aged 54, had been identified via statements and photographs. Mrs Collins said Mr Palmer's family had been informed.

Assistant deputy Black Country coroner Angus Smillie said: "I am satisfied this is the body of Mark William Palmer." He adjourned the inquest for further information. It will reopen on a date to be confirmed.

College art building is taking shape

The new art block currently under construction at King Edward VI College in Lower High Street, Stourbridge

WORK on a new £2.9 million art centre which will bring scores of students under one roof is forging ahead.

Contractors have begun brickwork at the new art centre for King Edward VI College in Stourbridge, as this picture shows. The new complex, which fronts Coventry Street and Duke Street, will be completed this year.

It will bring the college's IT, graphics, dance and drama departments under one roof.

The work is the second phase of a redevelopment programme at the college and follows the construction of a £1.3 million maths centre, which opened in September.

A steel frame has been in place at the site since the start of the year, with brickwork now under way.

Once the project is finished, the centre will be a two-storey building with large windows.

Principal Sharon Phillips said: "The new £2.9 million arts block will provide state of the art accommodation including a new student refectory which will double the size of the old one, plus new dance, drama, computing and graphic design facilities.

"The work is progressing well and the builders hope to complete the project at the end of October."

The college currently has to rent accommodation near to the campus with two IT suites and graphic rooms based at nearby Medusa House. It also rents space within Westwood House for dance and drama studios.

NEWS in brief

Tennis open day serves up fun

MORE than £1,000 has been raised by fundraisers during an tennis club's annual family fun day.

Stourbridge Tennis and Squash Club welcomed families to its abase in Sugar Loaf Lane, Iverley, on May 17. A Honda Racing Car was among the attractions along with British Touring Car Race Champion Matt Neal.

In total, £1,362 was raised for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice . Organiser Sarah Davis, said: "It was a superb day.

Guided walk to see landmarks

FAMILIES can take part in a free walk on Saturday leaving from Dudley Leisure Centre at 11.15am.

The six-mile guided walk will take in local landmarks and attractions including the Black Country Museum and Wrens Nest Nature Reserve.

Free health checks and goodie bags will be on offer at the centre from 10am and anyone completing the walk will receive a free seven-day swimming pass for Dudley Leisure Centre as well as a certificate.

Pub celebrates with cider festival

A PUB is staging a cider festival to celebrate winning the Dudley and South Staffordshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale's cider pub of the year.

The Jolly Crispin, Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, will receive it on Friday, the opening night of the two-day festival. A Wild West fun day on Sunday will aid the Whitehouse Cancer Support Centre and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Album signing date for Andre

SINGER and television personality Peter Andre is coming to Merry Hill shopping centre to sign copies of his latest album.

He will be at the Brierley Hill centre on June 7 to sign copies of his new swing album Big Night.

The single from it, Kid, was the official song for the animated movie, Mr Peabody and Sherman.

Hedge blaze

A CONIFER hedge was badly burned by arsonists in Grosvenor Way, Stourbridge at 4.25am on Tuesday. It came just an hour after arsonists set light to a plastic bench at Mary Stevens Park.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IN the never-ending debate about diet and health, this is one viewer's email to a BBC discussion: "I am over 60 and have drunk full-fat milk and eaten butter all my life. I weigh 10 stone and my oil pressure is normal."

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I MAY have the solution to all these thugs wandering off from open prisons. The Government should simply announce the creation of HMP UK. The entire landmass of Great Britain would become an open prison and a convict would be deemed to be at large only when he escapes to a foreign country. And then he's somebody else's problem.

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INTERESTINGLY (a word which sometimes indicates nothing of interest is to follow), during the entire Second World War, only one German prisoner-of-war made it out of HMP UK and back to Germany. Franz von Werra, a Luftwaffe pilot and persistent escaper, was shipped off to Canada where he leaped from a train, crossed a frozen river and surrendered to the authorities in the United States, which was then neutral. He was repatriated to Germany, resumed flying, crashed into the North Sea on a routine flight and was killed. Not such a great escape.

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THE housing crisis is caused by two issues. Firstly, houses are in short supply. Secondly, they are too expensive. Or so we are told. A sceptical reader in his 70s writes: "Hang on. Can anyone remember a time when houses were cheap and plentiful?"

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MORE suggestions for a collective noun to describe a gathering of colorectal surgeons. One reader suggests a rearguard. Another proposes an asset.

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THE Prince of Wales likens President Putin's behaviour over Ukraine to Adolf Hitler's takeover of eastern Europe. So which one has the German ancestry and the son who wore a swastika armband?

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SINGING the praises of the 5:2 diet, a Daily Telegraph reader tells us that Ethiopians, who fast two days per week, have been practising this diet for centuries. What he doesn't tell us is that life expectancy in Ethiopia is about 60.

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DAVID Attenborough has admitted that the famous BBC 1924 broadcast of a cellist playing to an accompaniment of nightingales may have been faked. If so, it was only the first of many little deceptions. In the 1930s the hugely popular George Bramwell Evens, better known as "Romany of the BBC," presented a series of wildlife rambles. Although he was a great traveller, Romany's rambles were actually recorded in a studio. A pile of old film stock was rustled to create the sound of walking through bracken. I refuse to get outraged at such practices. If camera crews and sound recordists had to present real events in real time, wildlife documentaries would have bored the pants off us years ago.

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I WROTE about some unusual motorway gantry signs. A reader tells me he spotted HIGH RISK OF DEER ON ROAD in that well-known bucolic paradise and nature reserve, Glasgow.

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THE clinical, agonising but oh-so polite dissection of Ed Miliband at the hands of Radio Wiltshire presenter Ben Prater is almost too painful to witness. A few well-chosen questions revealed that the Labour leader had no idea who runs the local council or even who leads the Labour opposition on the council. Miliband emerged as a prize chump. After a performance like that, I don't give much for his future. Ben Prater's future, that is.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Campaigners need old theatre pictures

CAMPAIGNERS want to delve into the history of a landmark former theatre as efforts to save it are stepped up.

A host of ideas are being explored to help raise the profile of Dudley Hippdrome and save it from demolition. Cash generated through fundraisers and donations is vital to helping campaigners achievie charitable status and thereby access multi-million pound grant schemes.

Among the ideas planned is to hold an exhibition highlight the history of the once popular attraction on Castle Hill.

Famous

Laurel and Hardy, Judy Garland, Bob Monkhouse and Morecambe and Wise are among the stars to have graced the Hippodrome stage.

Campaigners are launching an appeal to find photographs showing these famous faces and marking those memorable shows.

Pictures taken inside thea rt-deco style auditorium are of particular interest to the group, especially colour images.

They want to have an even better idea of what the theatre was like when it was attracting top acts from across Britain and from overseas.

Group chairman Gordon Downing said: We are looking to hold an exhibition as it would be great to show people what the theatre looked like inside as not everyone has seen it in its heyday."

Anyone with old photographs of the theatreare urged to get in touch through Facebook page by searching for Save Dudley Hippodrome.

Child porn pervert is spared jail to get help

A PERVERT posed as a child in internet chat rooms to get in touch with paedophiles, a judge was told.

Stuart Webb was not trying to contact young people and had no sexual interest in them, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 44-year-old wanted to get in touch with adults who believed they were conversing with a child, explained Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting. This put him in contact with very experienced paedophiles, the court was told.

by John Scott

He was traced when the Metropolitan Police swooped on a house in Orpington, Kent, in October 2012 and found a computer that contained three obscene child porn images sent by Webb.

Traced

These were traced to the house in Church Road, Wordsley, that the defendant shared with his partner. He was arrested in a raid on February 6 last year during which more obscene images were found on a computer.

"He admitted to being addicted to pretending to be a child and talking to men and women he believed had a sexual interest in children," saidd Mr Rees.

"Using the images as bait, he conversed with individuals pretending to be a child."

Miss Samantha Powis, defending, said: "He was going through a difficult time in his life and found it easier to pretend to be other people.

"He has already paid a high price for this having lost his partner, house and job. He needs help rather than further punishment."

Webb, now unemployed and living at a hostel in Birmingham, admitted making 39 indecent photographs between January 25 2012 and February 7 2013 and distributing three indecent images of children on September 13, 2012.

He was given a community order under supervision for three years on condition he completes the sex offender group programme and does 120 hours unpaid work.

He will also be on the Sex Offenders Register for five years and be made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order for a similar period.

Judge Michael Challinor explained: "The public can be best protected from you by you being forced to face up to what you have done on this demanding three-year course."

Jobs go as hire firm fails

A Tipton vehicle hire company, which leased refuse trucks and other heavy vehicles to local authorities and national contracting companies, has been placed into administration with the loss of 16 jobs.

Phoenix Vehicle Hire, of Groveland Road, entered administration on May 7, with John Kelly and Kirstie Provan, of business rescue and recovery specialists Begbies Traynor, appointed as administrators.

Mr Kelly said that the main reasons for the business failure were a loss in turnover earlier in the year and high finance costs.

Colourful cocktail at Chelsea

Kingswinford florist Laura Leong with her cocktail inspired display at the flower show

FLORIST Laura Leong was given a dream commission — to create a floral display using cocktails.

The 42-year-old from Kingswinford said: "I can't tell you I didn't try any of the drinks.

Last week she handed over her crown as Chelsea Flower Show's florist of the year to another after 12 months crammed with travel and among her many work commitments was a commission from cocktail specialists Thebar.com in celebration of the annual Chelsea show. She created the scented garden in a photographer's studio in London using 420 glasses filled with 15 different cocktails and a kaleidoscopic mixture of 300 flowers. The edible foliage included borage, dianthus, lavender, rosemary, pansies, roses and marigolds.

Mother-of-one Laura had not entered Chelsea this year after picking up medals at the last three shows but helped out on the National Union of Farmers' entry which was this week awarded a Silver Gilt award.

Forensics sock it to serial burglar

A SERIAL burglar has been given a four year prison sentence.

Police tracked him down after he left a sock at the scene of an Oldbury break-in.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told Wayne Porter forced open glass panel to get into the house in Florence Road before making off witha £5,000 haul including a £2,500 watch of 'great sentimental value'.

The court heard last week that drug addict Porter, 29, of Hagley Road, Birmingham, had used the sock to cover his hands while he searched the semi. Police were able to use DNA on the sock to identify him.

Porter broke into a house on The Broadway in Dudley where he took a TV worth £250 and raided a property in Marine Close, Wordsley, taking jewellery, a bag and a coat. He broke into a house in Portman Road, Kings Heath, when he stole a number of First World War medals.

He pleaded guilty to four counts of burglary, all committed within days of release from his previous jail term.

Miss Geraldine Toal, defending, said Porter had carried out the crimes to fuel his drug addiction.

Firms get a second chance

A GRANT scheme to help support businesses is now open for small and medium sized businesses to apply.

The Black Country GOLD has opened it's scheme for the second time this year to allow local businesses to apply for grants up to £16,000. It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and handed out by Wolverhampton City Council. In the first round , companies from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley, were given a total of £65,000 to help them grow. Contact Jagtar Singh on 01902 551997.

Mum's the word

CHARLEMONT Drama Society's 133rd production, Be My Baby, the story of four unmarried teenage mums in the 1960s will run on June 6 and 7, at Pennyhill Primary School, Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich, from 7.30pm. Tickets are available on 0121 357 4169.

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Warning by police over online sextortion

PROFESSIONAL blackmailers are luring men and boys in the Black Country into online video sex chats and then threatening to post the footage on the internet unless their victims pay thousands of pounds into offshore bank accountsy.

Details have emerged after police in the West Midlands received eight such reports in recent months, including two occasions where the offenders actually carried out their threats.

Target

These include cases in Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

Detectives say offenders usually target their victims by adding them as a friend on social media sites or by befriending them in internet chat rooms. They will then flirt with their victims and lure them into video conversations, during which both parties engage in sexual acts.

In the hours after the conversation ends, the offender will send a message to the victim requesting cash. They also attach a screen grab of the video as proof they have the footage and threaten to post it online if the money isn't paid.

Motorbike store move

A MOTORBIKE sales and repairs centre is planning to relocate in Halesowen.

Streetbike is based at the top of Mucklow Hill but now bosses have submitted plans for a change of use to convert the former Comet store, in Dudley Road. The premises have been empty for several years.

The building will be retained while bosses ask for permission to transform the inside for a motorbike repair and MOT testing area. Areas would be set aside for sales, parts shop, clothing and equipment, offices and a potential cafe area to create a 'social hub' for riders.

High life in Clent

COMIC (Comedy, Opera and Music in Clent) present sparkling musical High Society from tonight to Saturday at Sunfield Community Theatre, Clent. Performances at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from James Bradbury on 01562 730381.

Funeral arranged so it didn't affect bowls

Keith Davies – considerate

THROUGHOUT his life he put his family first. And even in death, Keith Davies was selfless.

After finding out he was suffering from leukaemia, he set about planning his funeral, choosing the hymns, the music and even the photograph for his order of service.

Mr Davies, who was a former typesetter at the Express & Star, was 87 when he died at his home in Hadcroft Grange, Wollescote, on May 6. The competitive bowler for Hadcroft Bowling Club in Stourbridge was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia in February.

Daughter Tanya Fellows said: "He was always smiling and glad to see you. He was a devoted family man and family was the most important thing to him. He always put his family first."

Mr Davies' funeral was held at Stourbridge Crematorium on May 16 and his daughter said: "Dad wrote his own eulogy and chose the hymns and music for his funeral. He even chose the photo for his order of service. He did all the hard work to save anyone else any trouble, and he didn't want the funeral on a Monday or Wednesday so not to interrupt the bowling."

The service was attended by more than 100 people and the wake was held at The Hadcroft, Lye, where Mr Davies was a member of Lye and Wollescote sons of rest bowling club and The Hadcroft bowling club.

Mr Davies spent his early life in Wordsley. He and his wife Mildred, 85, had two children, Tanya, and Mandy, who died aged just 24 in 1982. He was also a grandfather to Jessica, 21, and Molly, 18.

Mike Harvey, club captain of Lye and Wollescote bowls club, also paid tribute to Mr Davies and called his bowls partner 'very competitive' and a ' gentleman and sportsman' who was well liked by everybody.

The two won the senior citizens champion of champions cup just a day after Mr Davies 87th birthday.

At his funeral donations were in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Selling fake designer phone covers costs boss £10,000

A TRADER sold counterfeit mobile phone covers bearing the logos of football clubs and designer labels from his kiosk at the Merry Hill Centre, a court was told.

Baldev Degun did not show 'honest business practice' when he offered the items for sale at his Planet Mobile stall at the shopping centre.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the covers had been purchased from a cold-caller who had visited the kiosk and he knew only as 'Adam'. The court was told Degun had made no inquiries about the suppliers. The covers had the logos of clubs including Wolves, West Bromwich Albion and Manchester United. Others were decorated with the trademarks of designer labels and even DC Comics' Superman logo.

Degun, of Salisbury Road, Moseley, pleaded guilty to one count of offering for sale a mobile phone cover bearing the trademark of West Bromwich Albion. The 47-year-old also admitted a further 16 counts of possession, for the purposes of sale, phone covers bearing the trademarks of football clubs and designer labels.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley trading standards, said according to documentation 1,355 covers had been purchased. Around 250 had been sold but the remainder will be destroyed.

Mr Jackson said Degun had 'taken responsibility' for his firm's decision to sell them. Degun was ordered to carry out 60 hours of unpaid work and to pay costs of £4,506. A confiscation order was also made for £10,162, the amount Degun would have made.

Miss Kristin Montgomery, defending, said Degun had reviewed his business practices to ensure it did not happen again.

Care role for thousands of children

THOUSANDS of children, some as young as five are caring for their parents in the West Midlands, new figures have revealed.

The Children's Society has published statistics which show that across the region, there are 12,527 young people who are under the age of 16 providing unpaid care.

In Sandwell 803 children are young carers while the statistics also show that 615 children in Dudley are looking after their parents, siblings and other family members.

Responsible

Figures for Wolverhampton show 594 children are carers along with 665 young people in Walsall and 936 children in Worcestershire who responsible for looking after someone at home. In Birmingham that figure jumps to 2,697 children.

The charity says it has released the figures as it wants to highlight the burdens young carers are facing across the region and the consequences on their education and childhood.

Hospital midwifery unit is reborn

Professor Cathy Warwick, from the Royal College of Midwives, officially opens the revamped maternity unit

THE midwifery unit at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley has been given a £41,000 facelift, creating a homely setting for mothers-to-be to give birth.

It was officially opened last week by Professor Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive of the Royal College of Midwives.

A Government grant was used to install subdued lighting, inspirational artwork and a variety of birthing balls, stools, mats and bean bags.

Lead midwife manager Andrea Batty said: "We also used part of the grant to buy night beds for dads, so they can also rest and will be more useful when the family goes home.

"The new items will help my team to provide the best care to mums and babies.

Simple

"It is the simple things that make the difference and we are delighted to have more tools to help provide the best birthing experience we can."

Professor Warwick congratulated midwives in Dudley for their hard work and was delighted to reopen the unit. "The team has been able to do some fantastic improvements with the money and there are some unique features and artwork on this unit which look great," she said.

"I am sure the new facilities will be welcomed by women in the area. The Trust and the midwifery team should be applauded for demonstrating such commitment in securing this investment in their maternity services."

NEWS in brief

Active times at town museums

ACTIVITIES are on offer across Dudley to keep boredom at bay this half term. Youngsters can enjoy a range of activities with the Juniors at Museums (JAM) club including crafts and free family trails.

At all three Dudley Council museum sites children can hunt on trails, which will be available every day until Sunday at the Red House Glass Cone and until Saturday at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery. Visit www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do

Brewery hosting June beer festival

THE Green Duck Brewery in Stourbridge is holding a summer beer festival at the brewery's Badelynge Bar at the Gainsborough Trading Estate, Rufford Road, from June 19 to 21.

There will be up to 20 real ales, including Green Duck's own brews as well as a new beer it has created with new Halesowen brewery Fixed Wheel, called Downhill Duck Stout. The festival runs from 4pm to 11pm on the Thursday and Friday, 1pm to 11pm on the Saturday.

Drive-in movie for Merry Hill

A DRIVE-IN movie night is being held at the Merry Hill Shopping centre on Friday, June 6.

The 1990 hit Pretty Woman, starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, is being shown at 7pm in the car park next to the Debenhams store.

Programmes are available in advance from the concierge desk in the lower mall. There will be free popcorn on arrival.

Litter pick on housing estate

A COMMUNITY litter pick is to take place on a Halesowen housing estate this weekend. Tanhouse Tenants and Residents Association is asking volunteers to meet at the green at Sadlers Close on Sunday at 10am. Bags, high visibility jackets, litter pickers and gloves will be provided. Children have to be accompanied by an adult.

Fun at the mall

FUNKY face painting today and arts and crafts events with Tiger tomorrow will help to round off a week of special holiday activities for children at the intu Merry Hill shopping centre.

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

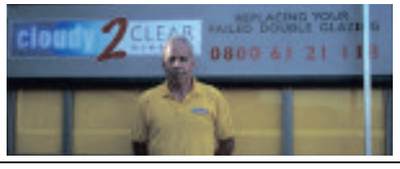
It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118** and he'll be happy to help!



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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

JOOLS Holland speaking ahead of his visit to Wolverhampton: "To me there is no such thing as bad music. There is just music which you haven't really got into yet." Hmm. There speaks a man who has never heard Foster & Allen singing Rock Around The Clock.

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THE Education Secretary has reportedly caused a storm by calling for American novel of Mice And Men to be dropped from the GCSE syllabus. According to the Department for Education, Michael Gove wants to see more emphasis on British classics.
NOW I know very little about English literature, but remember reading Of Mice and Men And Men at school. And insofar as any work of fiction has ever touched me, I did find it mildly moving. So to dismiss it as unworthy simply because it comes from another country seems a touch narrow-minded. However, when we read that book at school, we were 13 and 14 years old. It was part of our third-form studies, not our O-Levels. Another example of dumbing down in our exam system?

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TAXI drivers in Russia have come up with a novel way of dealing with passengers who don't pay their fares. Cabbies in the city of Nizhny Novgorod have taken to tearing off the clothes of fare dodgers, and then dousing them in blue paint. Which I imagine is quite a scary sight for revellers just pouring out of the clubs, who suddenly find themselves being confronted by a group of angry, naked smurfs. Still, I think this idea has got potential, and deserves a trial in this country. Now about those drivers who ignore the one-way system at Tesco...

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OURS weren't the only elections last week, by the way.
WHILE we have endured endless coverage of Messrs Farage, Cameron, Miliband and Clegg, the people of the Ukraine have also been to the polls. And while we have elected a bunch of Euro MPs who will spend the next five years debating the merits or otherwise of wonky bananas, the Ukrainians have elected the owner of a chocolate factory. Now, of course, few people in Britain would want to swap their lives for those in war-torn Ukraine, but you have to say they have got the better deal this time. They get Willy Wonka. We get the Oompa Loompas.

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LONELINESS among the over-65s could be tackled by training more older people to use the internet, a think tank has suggested.
WHAT, like all those bubbly, outgoing teenagers who spend their lives in darkened bedrooms tapping away at computer screens?

Derek, right, during his time in Egypt

Proud soldier – Derek served in the Royal Engineers

Derek and friends enjoy the sun in his younger days

Derek defiant over dementia

Army veteran has been suffering for the past three year but remains positive, as **TIM SPIERS** found out

DEREK Bishop has lived with a condition that affects 800,000 people in the UK – and changes the lives of millions more.

Figures show that one in three people who die over the age of 65 have dementia.

But army veteran Derek sees the condition a bit differently, keeping a positive attitude in the face of what can often be something very debilitating.

Dementia can have a devastating impact and lead to memory loss, confusion, mood changes and difficulty with day-to-day tasks.

But the 81-year-old, who has lived with the condition for years says he just tries to take it all 'in his stride'.

"I look at people with dementia and I feel sorry for them," he says.

He was first diagnosed with dementia three years ago but still lives independently with his wife Sandra, still gets himself dressed every day and still goes shopping.

The Wombourne pensioner was told that his dementia began after he suffered a stroke. He saw a number of doctors and specialists and went through various tests before he was diagnosed.

"I was not worried, I felt fine," he said.

"I feel happy that I can still do the jobs that I can do. But this morning I was rushing to get the paper so I got the wrong one."

The former lorry driver, who served in the Royal Engineers in Egypt in the 1950s, said his dementia does not affect him much.

Sandra, 78, said getting support is essential, though.

The couple think they have been married around 60 years, although neither could remember the exact date. Sandra, who herself suffers with other health problems which affect her mobility, said: "It is a full time job. We have help from the support workers and it is vital.

"When Derek went to the doctors he told them he thought he was getting forgetful, but he hadn't said anything to me. I was surprised when he was diagnosed."

Despite his condition Derek still talks about trips to Australia and recalls phone calls with friends, visits out there and how he used to love gardening and growing vegetables. His mobility means he cannot work in the garden any more, but he is by no means housebound.

"I didn't do much before but now I go to the day centre three times a week," he said. We do things like play cards, watch television and listen to music.

"Sometimes we go on day trips when the bus picks me up and we go to the pub for meals, we don't drink though.

"I have got lots of friends there."

His wife added: "He's got a better social life than me, he's well liked.

"Since he's had dementia he's had more of a social life than ever before." The couple have three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

They have a great deal of help from their children, while support workers from Carewatch in Shropshire visit every day to assist him.

Debbie Wilkinson is field care manager at Carewatch and said Derek and Sandra were a wonderful couple.

"They work as a team," she added.

"Derek knows he has dementia but it can progress to a point that he will not remember. He thinks it does not affect him all that much but Sandra and the carers will tell you that it affects him more than he thinks.

"Despite this he still lives a full and happy life. He goes to the local shop for some milk or bread and l know that the staff there know him and where he lives so that if he gets confused they can walk him back home or provide suitable assistance."

Staff from Carewatch, based at Stafford Park in Telford, have been visiting the couple for more than a month.

Derek's story was highlighted to coincide with Dementia Awareness Week.

The Alzheimer's Society chose 'opening up' as the theme for this year's campaign. Miss Wilkinson added: "Dementia can be a scary thing but Derek is the perfect example of how you can live well with dementia.

"This example should show people who may be feeling ashamed or confused that seeking help can be a positive step and open the door to a fulfilled life while living with the illness."

Dementia describes different brain disorders that trigger a loss of brain function. Alzheimer's disease is the most common, affecting 62 per cent of those diagnosed. But there are more than 100 types , with vascular dementia is the second most common. It is caused by problems in the supply of blood to the brain.

Symptoms include problems with speed of thinking, concentration and

Derek Bishop with Debbie Wilkinson, field care manager with Carewatch

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

IT'S about time councils scrapped this system of electing a third of its members three years out of four.

When control of councils are on such a knife-edge as Walsall was, and indeed still is, it does nothing to provide stable or long-term plans.

County councils went to the polls last year and everyone went up for election at the same time. They now know what they have to deal with for the next four years. A year on from those elections, those councillors are currently immune from the ups and downs of politics.

Whether UKIP's successes in the metropolitan boroughs of the Black Country was a blip, a protest or the start of something new and different in politics, it won't make a difference in Staffordshire's County Hall.

Contrast that with somewhere like Walsall, where a coalition of Tories and Lib Dems were clinging on by a thread until Thursday and had only set out cuts for the next year, rather than the coming five as has happened in Wolverhampton where Labour had too many councillors to shift.

Being stuck in a coalition is no political party's idea of a good way to run local government but knowing that, for better or worse, it has to last a long time at least forces everyone to knuckle down and get on with it.

As it stands, Walsall has to go through all this again next year. Labour will try to make friends with some independents. The Tories will try to find common ground with UKIP.

Was it the leaders who were the biggest liabilities on polling day? Whether it was Ed Miliband's messy attempt to eat a bacon sandwich, David Cameron ringing for a chat or Nick Clegg in a Birmingham cash-and-carry they have gone to great lengths to appear in touch.

The attempt generally fails thanks to the stage-managed public appearances and army of aides and advisers who guide them about.

Nick Clegg said three times in Brum that leaving the EU would be 'economic self-harm', as though he were crow-barring in prepared sound bites to any question where it might just about work.Ed Miliband got a standing ovation in Walsall, twice – but that's easy when the only people invited to the meeting are people already on the Labour mailing list.

And David Cameron ringing the Express & Star himself, rather than having an aide do it then pass him the phone, was so perfectly 'normal' it had to have been pre-planned.Nigel Farage, meanwhile, is not remotely normal – for a politician. He's a wealthy, public-school educated former banker but smokes and knocks back the pints. The mainstream party leaders should start not trying abnormally hard to be normal.

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Looking back on life blessed with beauty

AS I look forward to my 80th birthday, I look back on a life where nothing gave me more pleasure than that of seeing a beautiful woman or listening to the sound of music, I believe I must have been blessed to have had a lifetime filled with both.

I have a sister Marie who was the most beautiful young lady in the neighbourhood and after 57 years of marriage my beautiful lady wife Kathleen and I are still living the good life with a twin son and daughter and two grandsons, making sure we do.

Kathleen as a young lady became an accomplished musician as her father with both of them playing the violin.

Singing was in my blood thanks to my grandparents, my grandmother having the most beautiful soprano voice. A leading London impresario wanted to take her to America assuring her she would be a sensation. It wasn't to be she met my grandfather who sang in the local church choir, they fell in love, got married and reared nine children – three sons and six daughters my father being the eldest son.

As a young lad I joined the Brockmoor Church Choir till my voice broke at the age of 15. For almost 40 years I have been a member of my local male voice choir the Gentleman Songsters.

I owe the choir so much. The highlight of my years with it has to be being invited to the opening of the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, in the presence of the Queen. Before the concert the Duke of Edinburgh said hello to the choir. He asked me if we were Welsh to which I answered no we weren't, we are from the Black Country and proud of it, as no doubt the Gentleman Songsters always will be.

J Grainger, Stourbridge

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Shut down town, don't mourn it

THE only option is to shut down Dudley town centre entirely.

The closure of WH Smith is the latest depressing confirmation that the game is up for the high street. Beatties closing was one thing but if the high street cannot even support WH Smith's then things are desperate.

Why not use the public space creatively? Let's demolish the ugly market and create a grassed public park spanning Stafford Street to Castle Hill. A spruced up Duncan Edwards statue could be pride of place.

Instead of pound shops, payday loan brokers and betting shops we could convert the buildings into affordable flats and housing. Sunday farmers' markets have worked elsewhere – why not in Dudley?

It's time our town planners and councillors accepted they're fight a losing battle. Dudley is dying. But don't mourn, organise!

J BENNETT
Dudley

Try you hand at flat green bowling

AS in many industrial areas, thousands of people in the West Midlands enjoy playing crown green bowls, but flat green bowls is usually played in the more rural areas such as Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

With Dudley being close to these areas this is one "flat green" in the borough.

It is next to the tennis courts in Stevens Park, Wollescote, where about 120 people play flat green bowls on the afternoons and evening during the summer months.

The Black Country Bowls Club is one the two clubs what share this green and is having an open day un Sunday, June 8 from 10.30am to 5pm.

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For more information, please contact club secretary Brian Simmond, of his wife, Julia, on 01384 831019

WILLIAM REX,
Black Country Bowls Club president

Centres could help ease A&E

THERE has been a lot of coverage in the newspapers about threats to close the walk-in centres, especially the one in Holly Hall, which has received around 50,000 patients over the last 12 months.

Fortunately, this centre has had a 12-month reprieve, so I understand.

One of the suggestions was to put it in the A&E at Russells Hall hospital. People were against this idea, but I think the Government needs to look at this more closely. We read frequently that A&Es are overloaded, and that people are going to the A&E with minor problems.

What about if all hospitals with A&Es had a walk-in centre alongside? There could be a qualified nurse to separate emergency cases from ones which could be directed to the walk-in centre.

This, in my opinion, would take the pressure off A&E departments.

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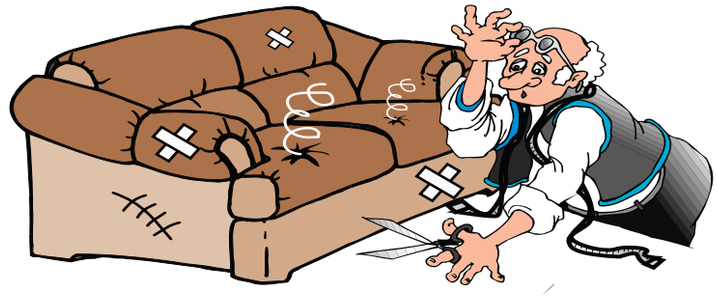

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Roger Jones, back row middle, and members of the 1957 Comprehensive boys football team

Roger Jones with a picture featuring himself

A reunion of former Tividale school pupils at Tividale Football Club in Birch Crescent

School friends revel in memories of past

Ivan Thompson and Tom Jones with the 1959 team photo

Ivan Thompson (front 2nd right) and Tom Jones (back middle) with the Methodist football team in 1959

MEMORIES of what life was like in the classroom have been fondly shared during a reunion of old friends reminiscing about bygone days.

A group of around 50 former schoolmates met at Tividale FC's ground, in Packwood Road, for their annual reunion – which is now in its sixth year.

The event was a chance for old friends from the town's schools to meet up and share their memories about lessons and school sports teams.

And this year's gathering saw some people meet up for the first time in half a century. The reunion is the brainchild of Wendy Squires, nee Wall, who went to Tividale Primary School from 1946 before moving abroad at the age of 13.

The 73-year-old, who now lives near Worcester, said: "When I came back I managed to get in contact with six of my old friends and we met up and decided to put on a reunion.

"We were shocked when in the first year more than 50 people turned out.

MEMORY LANE
by Tom Mason

Every year since we have just as many people return – some new faces among them."

And she added that love had even blossomed for some of the attendees: "Everyone loves coming to the events and it's lovely to catch up on what people have done in their lives and what they are up to know.

"We have even had a romance between some of the people who met at one of the reunions," she added.

Emotional

Among those who attended was Roger Jones and his wife Doreen, both 69, from Wellington in Shropshire.

It was an emotional meeting with old friends for the couple, as well as a special visit to the club founded by Roger's father, Ted Jones, who also founded Tividale Youth Club where many of his friends went.

He said: "This is the first time I have been back to the club in quite a while. My dad was well-known locally and it is nice to meet people who knew him and who were involved with the youth club.

"Most of us were born in the post war baby boom and It was a great time to be growing up. We had a lovely time living here and going to the local school – me and my wife even met at the school."

It was the first time that the couple had been to the reunion.

His Wife Doreen added: "I have not smiled so much in a long time."

Among those who go along to the gatherings are former students from five schools in the area. They are: Tividale Secondary Modern, Tividale Junior, Tividale Comp, Regent Road School and City Road School.

As well as meeting old friends,a raffle was held during the event. The former classmates also get together for a Christmas lunch. Val Bailey, aged 72, was among those who attended the reunion and also organises the festive get together. Anyone wishing to attend this year's Christmas lunch is asked to call Val on 01902 677288.

Doreen Jones, Irene Arrowsmith and Hazel Simms

Doreen, front left, Irene, back second left, and Hazel, front second right, with the1958 Tividale Comp netball team

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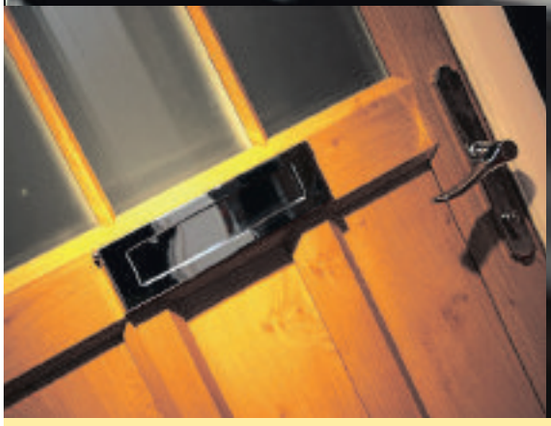

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FBI led swoops in Black Country

THREE people have been arrested in the Midlands, including one in Halesowen, as part of an international operation coordinated by the FBI.

The men, aged 19, 20 and 23, were arrested in Halesowen, Erdington and Newcastle-under-Lyme on suspicion of unlawful use of a remote access tool called 'Blackshades'.

The operation targeted software which can remotely control computers and webcams. The 'malware' is said to have infected more than 500,000 computers. Investigators believe around 200,000 usernames and passwords of victims across the world may have been extracted by Blackshades users in the UK.

Three men arrested from the Midlands have been released on police bail.

Prolific shoplifting duo are locked up for spate of thefts

TWO prolific shoplifters have each been locked up for 16 months for a series of thefts from Black Country stores.

Daniela Brookes, aged 40, and her 28-year-old partner Chloe Bird struck first at the B&M Bargain Store in Dudley on February 12, escaping with 15 tins of corned beef and a similar haul of salmon, worth £65, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Four days later they struck at the Sainsbury's local store in Lower Gornal where £93 of food was stolen. The two women – Brookes had committed 52 previous thefts and Bird 16 – were recognised by police when they viewed CCTV from the shop and were soon arrested.

They appeared in court on March 3 and were given bail but that did not stop their offending, explained Mr Simon Hunka, prosecuting.

On March 16 they stole £50 worth of meat and cheese from the Spar convenience store in the Wordsley Green Shopping Centre in Stourbridge and the following day took cosmetics valued at £49 at the Wilkinson shop in Dudley where they were detained and arrested again, the court heard last week.

Mr Colin McCarraher, defending both women, said they were driven by the need to get money to buy drugs. But he added: "They are now making strides to getting away from heroin."

Brookes is pregnant and expecting a child which the couple want to bring up together, the court was told.

Brookes from Cole Street, Netherton, admitted four thefts while Bird ,of the same address, pleaded guilty to two of the thefts and asked for the other two to be taken into consideration.

Scarlet fever cases increase

MORE than 440 cases of scarlet fever were reported across the Black Country and Staffordshire in eight months — an increase of 500 per cent.

There were 370 more children reported with the illness between last September and May this year compared to the same period for 2012/13, when the total was 74.

Across the Black Country there were 305 reports of the illness compared to 47.

In Dudley there were 79 cases compared to 13 last year, Sandwell had 46 with nine the previous year and in South Staffordshire there were 17 cases when there had been none.

But bosses at Public Health England say the rate at which cases are being reported nationally is slowing down.

Cafe aiming to be at heart of community

Cafe owners Denise and Brian Chappell with chef Lee Cox

A CAFE which the owners hope will become the 'heart' of its village has opened its doors, creating 20 part-time jobs.

More than 200 people had applied to work at the new Sedgley venue.

Family-run Cafe Cappella was officially opened by Ian Austin MP on Gospel End Street and already is proving a hit with residents.

Serving homemade cakes, pork pies, scotch eggs and sandwiches with tea and coffee, the cafe is providing part -time work and experience for youngsters looking to get into the world of work.

Businessman Brian Chappell, who opened the cafe along with manager and chef Lee Cox, said he has received around 200 applications from people.

He said: "We bought the premises two and a half years ago, and the ground floor was clear and not really being used properly. I spoke to the local clergy at All Saints Church about the fact that Sedgley really hadn't got a heart any more, so what we decided to do was set up a nice coffee lounge cafe that could be used by Sedgley people."

Hoarders put lives at risk, says fire chief

LIVES are being put at risk by people who hoard possession, a senior firefighter has warned.

Peter Allington of West Midlands Fire Service said that people across the West Midlands were putting lives in danger by piling up possessions into tightly packed rooms, increasing the risk of fire. He issued the warning during Hoarding Awareness Week, a initiative organised by the Chief Fire Officers Association to promote awareness of the risks of clutter.

Mr Allington, community risk reduction officer, said fires spread much more quickly in buildings in which possessions were piled high, but the occupiers were often unaware of the dangers. "Fires in properties where someone is hoarding create very specific risks and hazards," he said. "Someone can start to hoard for a variety of reasons and don't usually recognise the dangers it presents."

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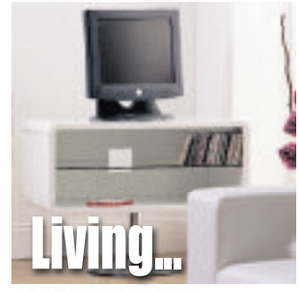
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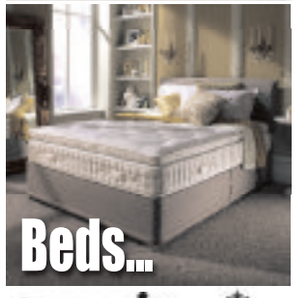
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Fury as work begins at village marina site

WORK has started on a controversial marina which could double the population of a village near Dudley.

A site office has been moved onto the 22-acre green belt site at Swindon, South Staffordshire, signalling the start of a scheme which could see hundreds of narrowboat residents living in the village.

Under the plans, fields off the village's High Street will be flooded to provide berths for up to 199 boats.

There will also be a 130-space car park, farm shop, tea room and viewing area.

The rural site that is to be flooded and developed for the marina

A picturesque canal scene in the village near Dudley that is to attract more boats

Farm

The development, by Tim and Joanna Munday, owners of neighbouring Manor Farm, attracted nearly 300 objections, but was finally given planning permission at the end of 2010.

Terry Carvin, who led a five-year campaign against the plans, admitted the battle was now lost, and fired an angry broadside at civic leaders who he claimed had let the village down.

"There's a severely hostile disposition across the whole community because we thought it would never go ahead," he said.

"The community feels it has been badly let down by the parish council, the district council and the local MP, Gavin Williamson."

However, Mr Williamson said he had done all he could to ensure residents' views were heard but as an MP he had no powers over the planning process.

Mr Williamson said he had successfully objected to plans to increase the proposed number of berths

The scheme was first put forward in 2009, and was met with immediate opposition from villagers who said it would lead to increased road congestion, pollution and a risk of flooding.

South Staffordshire District Council finally granted permission in December 2010, after Mr and Mrs Munday agreed to reduce the number of berths from 252 to 199.

Six of the village's 10 parish councillors resigned in protest,.

The campaign against the scheme was dealt a further blow when the Government said it would not intervene. But a further application, to increase the number of berths to 236, was thrown out by the district council

Mr Carvin, chairman of Swindon Marina Action Group, warned: "There's not enough parking in Swindon as it is, so how are we going to cope if there are another 1,200 to 1,300 people in the village?"

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In The Flesh artwork by Black Country pupils

THE ghoulish groans of zombie horror films have inspired students to produce artwork that has featured on the latest series of a popular BBC TV drama.

Pupils at The Coseley School were tasked with coming up with pieces of art to feature in the background for school scenes in the BBC Three drama, In the Flesh, which recently won a Bafta award.

The students, aged between and 11 and 14, were asked by the school's head of art Emily Pincher to put imagine themselves into a world ravaged by a zombie apocalypse and produce artwork they think children from that world would produce in the aftermath.

She said: "They were all really excited to hear that their work was being shown on the show. They all had a lot of fun with the project and came up with some brilliant pieces of art. The whole project has been really exciting for all of us."

Students with art at The Coseley School

The project was the brainchild of the head of RE, James McLaughlan, who was contacted by a friend at the BBC and asked to help produce the art for sets on the show. He said: "The school are really proud of what the children have achieved. I think it's nice for them to be noticed externally for the quality of their work.

"I'm really enjoying the programme but I have spent most of my time looking for the children's work on the walls rather than following the plot. Hopefully we can work with the BBC again in the future."

Varied

The varied collection artwork was produced in October last year and was used during the filming of school scenes.

The school, in Henne Drive, took advantage of the commission from the BBC and used the work as a base for a joint project and competition between the Art and RE departments looking into the paranormal.

Pupils have spotted their art on the school walls in the fictional northern town of Roarton, where the action is set. It tells of families trying to come to terms with deceased members of their family coming home as medically pacified zombies, facing prejudice and the threat of those who want to start another zombie war.

Survivor rallying Race for Life entrants

Cancer survivor Karen Garrison from Cradley Heath with her daughter Lucy, aged 7, and friends taking part in Race For Life

SHE had to give up her job as a nurse, but mother-of-two Karen Garrison has battled back from cancer and is now rallying friends and family in her fight against the disease.

Karen Garrison was aged 41 when a tumour was discovered in her bowel, sparking surgery and a gruelling six-month course of chemotherapy.

Mrs Garrison, of Cradley Heath, is calling on people to join her 35-strong team in entering Cancer Research UK's 5km Race for Life event at Himley Hall on July 13.

Karen said: "I was told there was a 50 per cent chance my cancer could come back, most probably within the first two years after treatment. I've just made it past that two year marker."

Her team, Rowley WAGS, includes her seven-year-old daughter Lucy.

"My daughter will be joining the Rowley WAGs, 25 adults and 10 youngsters, to race with her mum and help me get my own back on cancer," said Karen. "I want to help others by supporting Cancer Research UK's work. Our aim is that one day everyone will beat cancer."

Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK spokesperson, said: "Race for Life events are not competitive. They are an amazing way to celebrate life but also remember those who have been lost to the disease."

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Music lovers who rode on rock wave

SlamDunk Festival arrived with a roar and was one hell of a party for the thousands of fans as TIM SPIERS explains

Rob Lynch on stage at Slam Dunk Festival

THEY came in their thousands. And one hell of a party they had.

Slam Dunk Festival at Wolverhampton Civic Hall arrived in Wolverhampton with an almighty roar.

Ok. It wasn't Glastonbury. It wasn't V Festival. But the streets around Wolverhampton's Civic Hall were transformed into a sea of music lovers riding on the waves of rock.

Ripped tights, black lipstick and tattoos aplenty this was the 'alternative' crowd at its best. But, despite the thousands, there appeared to be not one bad word said throughout the day.

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The headliners The All-American Rejects put on a storming set, opening with Dirty Little Secret (for non-rock fans, bet you've played it on Guitar Hero), as well as other singles such as Move Along, Beekeeper's Daughter and Gives You Hell. The crowds filtered in and out to the various stalls and food vendors outside before running back in to dance away to some high octane tunes.

In the scheme of festivals, this may be the 'alco-pop' of the lot - there's no camping out or three-day benders. But, if rock's your thing, this is surely as good as it gets. And, this year in particular, it means more than ever.

Stephen Sutton meeting the PM

Our fundraising hero Stephen Sutton fulfilled one of his 'bucket list' wishes when he crowd surfed In a dinghy at last year's Slam Dunk. And so this one was for him.

Donations

Ben Ray, organiser of Slam Dunk, said: "We don't know just yet how much we have raised but we've been told that we have had more donations than the last two days, but it hasn't all been counted up yet.

"It all came about when one of the band managers last year asked if we could smuggle a rubber dinghy into the festival and he explained the situation to me.

"Because of health and safety, all I could do was turn a blind eye to it. I put him in touch with the stage manager of where he wanted to do it. There were a few pictures floating about online and a video at the time, but I didn't really look into it properly. I wish I had now.

"When it all exploded earlier this year, I posted on social media that he had ticked something off his list at Slam Dunk last year, and lots of people were saying to us they had been there but didn't know it was him.

"I was going to put out a tribute to Stephen after I heard he had died, but then I thought it would be better to raise some money.

"We had worked with Teenage Cancer Trust before, so we have been collecting for them across all three dates.

"We are such a small part of his story but we are all very pleased to have been able to help him tick something off his bucket list."

Hannah Blackwell, from Bilston, said: "I had seen that Stephen Sutton had done the crowd surf in a dinghy but didn't realise it was here."

Bosses at Download Festival, at Donington Park, near Derby next month, announced they would be renaming the main stage after Stephen. Slam Dunk also took place at Leeds University and The Forum

Headlining act The All-American Rejects on stage

Fans came from all around to enjoy the festival

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Phone prank council worker suspended

A COUNCIL worker has been suspended and is under investigation after an email was sent to colleagues urging them to bombard mobile phones with calls and messages to 'disrupt' the office.

Sandwell Council, which has to cut £100 million in spending by 2017, has confirmed it is looking into the incident on May 15. But bosses stressed that the worker's suspension did not mean they had done anything wrong.

The email suggested there was a rule banning people from keeping phones on their desks but allowing them to use ring tones, rather than be on silent.

It called for people to ring, text or send messages via the Whats App service, all of which would result in a loud tone being played.

The email, sent from a personal address to six colleagues, is said to have originated from a worker in the council's finance department.

It was circulated to others and a complaint was made to the council.

Morning-after crash driver above the drink limit banned

Donna Agnew with the fence knocked down by a drink driver

A DRINK driver has been banned for 15 months and forced to pay more than £500 in fines after losing control of her vehicle and crashing into a fence.

Alice Piggott thought she had sobered up before getting behind the wheel of her Vauxhall Corsa to head to work in the morning, a hearing at Dudley Magistrates' Court heard.

But tests showed Piggott, whose car rolled three times and damaged six fence panels in Narrow Lane in Halesowen, had still been over the drink-drive limit.

At the court hearing Piggott, aged 27, of Nimmings Road in Halesowen, pleaded guilty to drink driving and driving without a full licence following the crash on March 28 at about 6.30am.

As well as receiving a driving ban, she was ordered to pay £535 in fines, £85 court costs and £40 victim surcharge.

Following the hearing, the owner of the garden fence, Donna Agnew, 44, said a stricter punishment should have been given.

Mrs Agnew, who has two children aged nine and 11, was in bed when she heard the car crash into the fencing panels outside her home on the corner of Narrow Lane and Firth Park Crescent.

Helped

She said: "It was a really loud noise, I thought the lady had crashed into the house, it was a real shock to wake up to.

"By the time I got up a couple had helped her out of the car.

"I don't think it is (the sentence) enough. She could have killed someone.

"An hour later and children would have been walking up the hill to school."

At the court hearing, prosecutor Miss Maxine McIntosh said a nearby on-patrol police officer was alerted to the crash.

Piggott was taken to Brierley Hill police station where a blood test showed she had 131 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The limit for driving is 80.

Miss Nicole Steers, defending, said her client was a mother of one and in employment.

She said: "She (Piggott) tells me she had been drinking in the evening before.

"She thought by that time in the morning, she had sobered up."

Pledge to halt the decline of borough industry

BUSINESS bosses have pledged to restore Dudley's reputation as a leader in industry.

Members of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce have said they are determined to put the town back on the map following a decline in business.

Less than 10 per cent of Black Country exports that come through the Black Country Chamber are from Dudley businesses.

The unemployment rate in the borough is 9.2 per cent compared to the national average of 7.5 per cent, according to Office of National Statistics results for May. Vicki Wilkes, president of Dudley's Chamber of Commerce and managing director of Phoenix Calibration & Services, said: "We need to work more closely with Dudley Council and develop projects that improve business effectiveness."

At the heart of their aims is a plan to increase the borough's skilled workforce.

Martin Dudley, chairman of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce skills policy group, said: "The hamber needs to champion career planning in schools."

The group recognised the need to encourage more visitors borough attractions.

Cost-cuts brings end to 100-year horticulture show

AN annual horticultural show with more than 100 years of history has been scrapped due to cost-cutting measures.

Sandwell Horticultural Show will not take place as part of this year's Sandwell Show. Council chiefs in Sandwell said they were 'simply not able to afford the same things' as they battle to make cuts of £120 million by 2016.

They said cuts to the local authority's budget means spending on the August Bank Holiday Show, held at King George V Playing Field in Sandwell Valley, has been 'scaled back'. Last year's horticultural show cost the council around £21,000 to stage including staff costs, tent hire and admin.

Organisers of the popular horticultural show said they were shocked to learn the gardening part of it would not be included this year.

They have been offered a council grant of £5,000 to hold the show elsewhere.

Councillor Steve Melia, chair of the horticultural show committee, said: "To find out that the show is being cut was a complete bombshell. We have only been told at the last minute that the show can't go ahead."

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Seaside fun during dementia week

easide for, from left, Dave Cooper, staff, Margaret Rides, Yvonne Wilkes and Colin Busby

PEOPLE with dementia and their carers enjoyed a seaside themed fun day as part of an activity week.

As part of National Dementia Awareness Week Dudley Council's dementia gateways hosted a range of events at both the centres and in the community last week. Events have included tea dances, sing-along's, a memory day and pamper sessions.

All of the events have been aimed at raising people's awareness of dementia, helping those with the condition and educating people to become less fearful and more accepting.

The council's Crystal Gateway, Brierley Hill, held a seaside themed fun day for people who attend the gateway, their families and carers. Staff said great fun was had by all watching Punch and Judy and playing games from days gone by such as roll-a-ball, roll-a-penny, hook a duck, plus enjoying lollies and ice creams.

Andrea Pope-Smith, director for adult services said: "The retro seaside fun day has been just one of the activities on offer this week at Dudley's dementia gateways. It proved a great success as people with dementia can often relate better to events and activities that have taken place in the past.

"We have invited residents into the gateways this week to get involved with the events on offer and to find out more about the signs, symptoms and treatment of this condition which will affect one in three of us, once over the age of 65."

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Body found in burnt-out car is identified

AN inquest has been opened and adjourned into a man found dead in a burned out car in Cradley Heath.

Mark William Palmer, of no fixed address, was discovered by fire crews after they put out the blaze on May 10.

Smethwick Coroners Court was told last week that emergency services had been called to Lower High Street.

Coroner investigator Margaret Collins said once the flames had been put out firefighters became aware of the occupant. Investigations are being carried out into the cause of the fire.

The inquest was told Dudley-born Mr Palmer, 54, had been identified via statements and photographs. Mrs Collins said Mr Palmer's family had been informed. Assistant deputy Black Country coroner Angus Smillie said:"In this matter we are dealing with circumstantial rather than direct evidence.

"I am satisfied this is the body of Mark William Palmer." He adjourned the inquest for further information to be gathered.

Investigation starts after blunder over returned passport

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched by the Home Office after a London teenager's passport was returned to an address in Cradley Heath.

The passport of a 17-year-old girl from Sidcup, south east London, was mistakenly sent to a home in the Black Country after a mix-up following a renewal application.

The passport, which had its corners cut off and contained the personal details of the girl as well as names and addresses of her next of kin, was addressed and posted to 27-year-old Dale Grinsell.

That was after Mr Grinsell had applied to the Home Office to renew his expired passport.

His application went through without a hitch and he received his old passport back from the Passport Office, but several weeks later the second passport dropped through the letter box.

He said: "On opening the letter we couldn't believe it. Staring back at us from the photo page was a young girl with long, curly red hair — certainly not me.

"I was shocked , to have someone else's passport in your hands without their knowledge is quite a scary thing.

Wonder

"Luckily we are a law-abiding family, but who knows what could have happened if this had fallen into the wrong hands?

"You certainly do not expect this from a Government department, and it does make you wonder whether anything of yours has been sent to the wrong place, or ended up in the wrong hands."

The passport has now been returned to its rightful owner.

Mr Grinsell added: "It's surprising that they could make such a mistake with such a sensitive piece of identification."

The Home Office has made it clear that they are not taking the incident lightly and has launched an investigation after being contacted by The Chronicle's sister newspaper Express & Star.

A spokesman for Her Majesty's Passport Office said: "We take the security of the passport and the safety of the passport holder's personal information extremely seriously"

Hair today, gone tomorrow

Adam Ingram, from Xtreme Cutz, gets to work on his brother Joe

HE said no to the afro after hundreds backed his bid for a close shave for charity.

Now the cash is flowing in for a barber who hopes his hair-raising challenge will inspire those to help two good causes.

Joe Ingram, aged 24, co-owns Xtreme Cutz barbers in Cradley Heath High Street with his 32-year-old brother Adam. His beloved beard and afro was growing wildly when Adam posted a picture on the outlet's Facebook page.

The challenge was set for both beard and hair to be shaved if they could get 500 'likes' for the picture. And what started out as a fun bet turned into a fundraiser as popularity for the big cut grew.Within just two hours they had beaten the target by hundreds.

Pledges have brought in more than £200. Fundraising will not stop there as they collected up the hair to give people a fun bet on how much the bag weighs at £1 a guess with a free haircut prizes.

Customers can guess how much it weighs for a £1 to have the chance of getting a free haircut at the salon.

Cash will be split between the Royal British Legion and Cancer Research UK.

Boost of £100k to help elderly be independent

CRADLEY Heath is one of six areas that will benefit from £100,000 each as part of a pilot project to help elderly people.

Cash grants are being made available to voluntary and community groups in Sandwell as part of the scheme to help older residents in the area.

Extra information could be made available to point people to lifestyle services such as help to stop smoking and lose weight, and how to reduce the likelihood of slips, trips and falls.

The service will commence with a one year pilot, starting in September, with options to extend for six or 12 months to enable reviews on how it is going.

Organisations being considered for the scheme are those already delivering services in Sandwell, which are non-Governmental, have local bases with locally-advertised telephone numbers.

David Stevens, Sandwell Council's director of adult social care said: "The aim is to help people live healthier lives longer and to remain independent."

Organisations can request an application pack from adult_procurement@sandwell.gov.uk. The closing date is noon on June 13.

Science pupils given look at hospital work

ASPIRING scientists have been shown behind the scenes at Sandwell's hospitals to get a taster of a career in healthcare.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell, City and Rowley Regis hospitals, opened its doors to around 40 students.

The pupils, aged 14 to 17 and from local schools, embarked on the taster day to learn about life sciences, physiology sciences and physical sciences and engineering.

Jilly Croasdale, associate director of healthcare science, said: "I wanted to give students in our local schools the opportunity to find out more about all the different career options available to them in our hospital.

"With the taster day we hope to provide awareness of science careers in a hospital setting."

The day began with interactive stands from various departments across the healthcare sciences spectrum.

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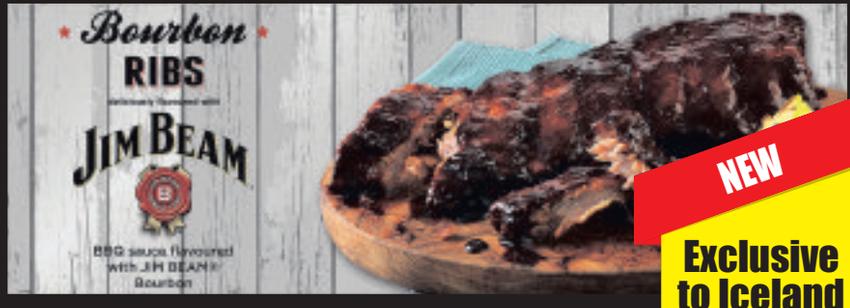

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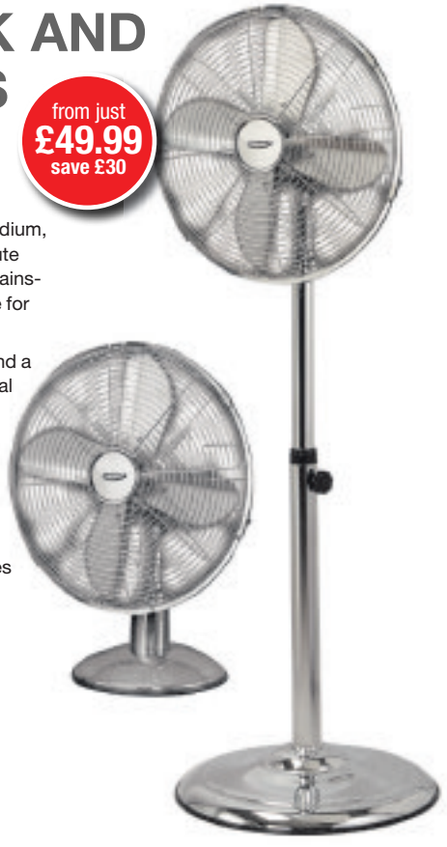

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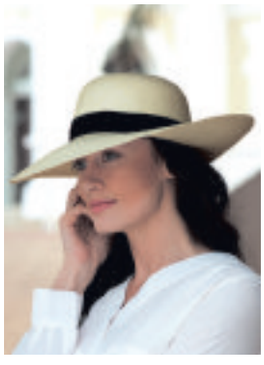

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Talent shone when the lights went out

Review

When The Lights Go Out
Newhampton Arts Centre

A showcase of acoustic musicians from the Black Country and wider Midlands showed there's a wealth of talent out there waiting to be tapped.

It also showed the studio of the struggling Newhampton Arts Centre in Dunkley Street, Whitmore Reans has the resources to be one of Wolverhampton's top live music venues.

Lauren Pryke, an 18-year-old indie pop singer/songwriter and guitarist from Birmingham opened proceedings with songs such as Take Me Home in which she showed off her skills on the strings.

Towards the end of her set, by her own admission, her voice was starting to break up.

She did seem to struggle at the top end of her range but it wasn't easy for any of the acts who had to battle over the noise of a less than attentive crowd which got bigger and louder as the night progressed.

Her last song, a cover version of The Killers' Mr Brightside showed her musical dexterity.

Lauren gave up the stage to fellow Brummie Sean Flood.

Flood's style was much more in your face opening with Wishing. His voice is quite nasal and he seemed at times to be fighting a sound battle with his own guitar.

Whether by accident or design he does still have the roughness of a busker in his performance.

Flood is innovative with his guitar and tries to get the most out of his strings but it doesn't always quite work. With Jazz Hates this was evident, where his voice and his guitar seemed, at times, to be in conflict.

He finished his set with his own song Biscuit Barrel which had more of a bluesy feel to it.

Clayton Cross, who was on his home turf, took to the stage with Tom Simmons from Walsall. They opened with a Kasabian cover and what became clear right from the start is they were much better guitarists than singers.

The highlight of the night was Shannon Wheatley from Sedgley

Guitarists

Cross can hit some right notes occasionally but Simmons should stick to instrumentals.

They are good guitarists, there is no two ways about it but if they are going to be working together then they should consider bringing a dedicated singer in and they should stick to the instruments.

Without doubt the highlight of the night was Shannon Wheatley, from Sedgley.

It was her first gig but you would not have known it .

Her voice has clarity, strength and a gentle vulnerability which produces a gorgeous sound that was a mixture of Dolores O'Riordan, Sinead O'Connor and Cyndi Lauper.

It won't be long before Wheatley will be headlining at concerts.

Following on was Andy Bowater who produced a really distinctive sound using just his guitar and a drummer. .

Headliner, Wolverhampton's own Dave Boddison took to the stage with all the confidence you would expect from someone who is seasoned in gigging around the region.

Straight away he showed his impressive guitar picking and distinctive voice with songs such as Pockets.

Boddison showed how easy he makes it look as he harmonises his lyrics with his guitar playing.

He has a silky and likeable manner of singing and his voice has a light texture which makes you feel better for listening to him.

His range is impressive and his ability to play with words is a delight to listen to.

Deep into the past, deeper in trouble

Book reviews

Non-Fiction

STAFFORDSHIRE writer Charlotte Higgins gives a fascinating view of Roman Britain and what it means for our sense of Britishness with her engaging account of a trek around the UK in an unreliable camper van.

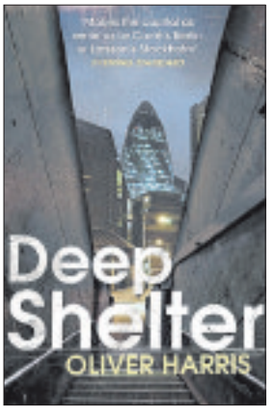
In **Under Another Sky: Journeys In Roman Britain** (Vintage, £9.99, paperback, ebook) the Oxford classicist doesn't try to describe life in Britain 2,000 years ago, which she sees as an impossible task. Instead she examines the influence of this country's Roman remains on architects and archaeologists, poets and composers. For example, her visit to Wroxeter (Viriconium Cornoviorum) in Shropshire leads to musings over its effect on the young Wilfred Owen and celebrated archaeologist Sir Mortimer Wheeler who helped excavate the site as a student.

By digging deep (pardon the pun) into the Roman era, she reveals how certain myths were encouraged, such as the elevation of the vengeful Boudica to national icon by the Victorians.

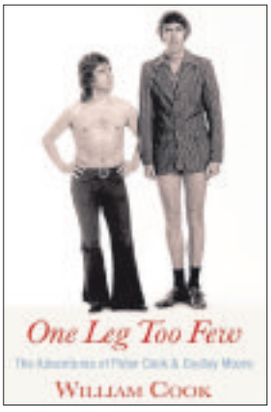
Roman remains in Britain are less impressive than in Mediterranean countries but the Romans have left an enduring legacy that goes far beyond half-buried masonry.

'Alternative comedy' in Britain, which is now the comedy mainstream, did not start with Monty Python, it all began with Pete and Dud.

The ill-matchedpair Peter Cook (tall, public school, posh) and Dudley Moore (short, Grammar school, from Hackney) are effectively described by biographer William Cook (no relation) as the Lennon and McCartney of comedy. Each were highly talented but did their best work together.



A cop faces a race against time under the streets of London



Pete and Dud — the Lennon and McCartney of comedy

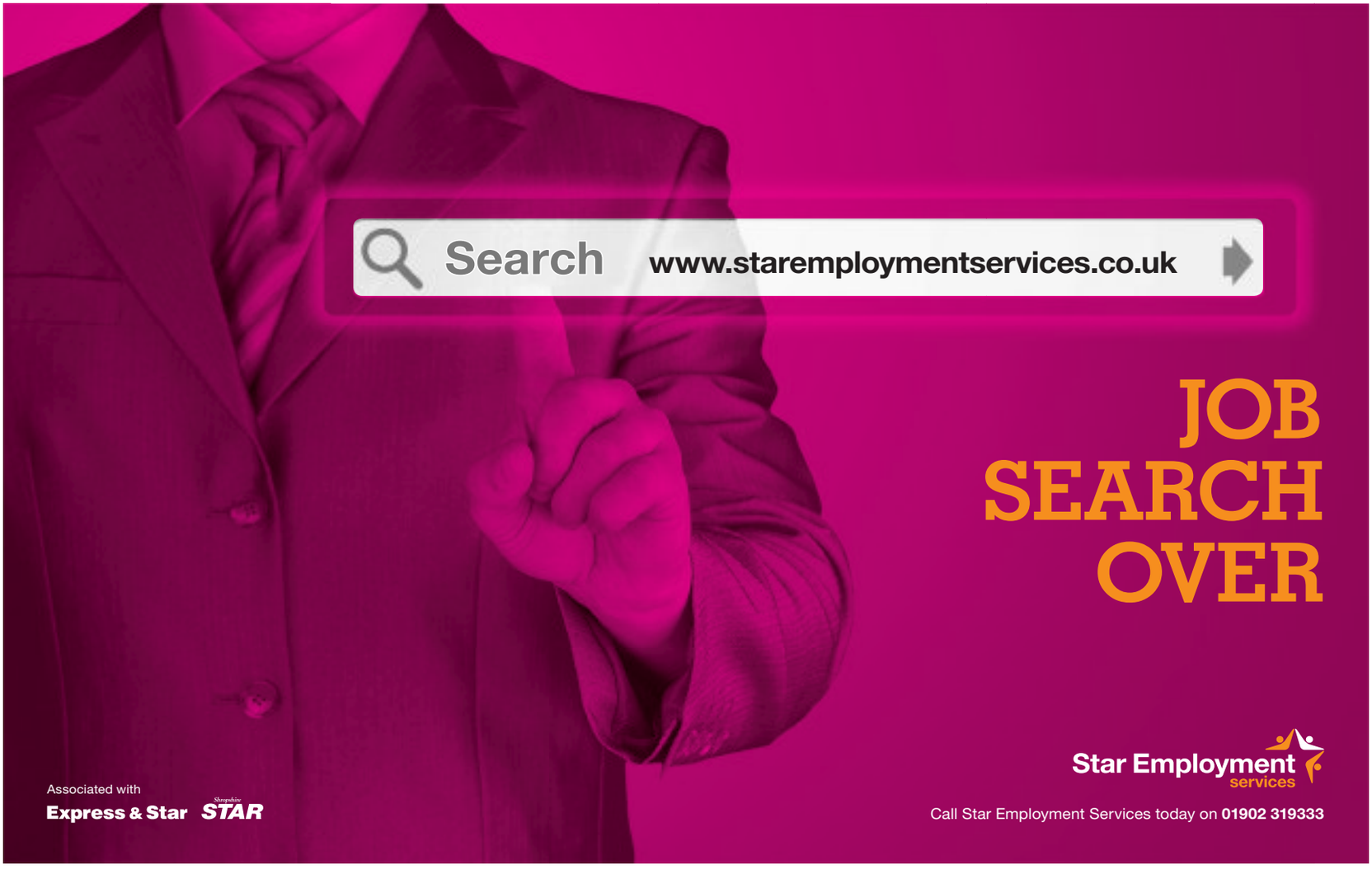
His indepth joint biog, **One Leg Too Few: The Adventures of Peter Cook and Dudley Moore** (Arrow Books, £9.99, paperback, ebook), is essential for anyone who wants to find out more about the comedy partnership that created the satire boom of the 1960s.

Fiction

Cynical CID detective Nick Belsey literally lands himself deep in trouble when his discovery of a stash of booze and drugs in a former nuclear shelter leads to a battle of wits with a kidnapper in **Deep Shelter** (Jonathan Cape, £12.99, hardback, ebook).

This is the second novel by Oliver Harris featuring the flawed Hampstead policeman first encountered in The Hollow Man. A dalliance with a young woman leads Belsey into a labyrinth under London's streets as he faces a race to save her without implicating himself, thereby encountering powerful shadowy forces. This is a fast-paced thriller and I expect we will see the resourceful corrupt cop on screen soon.

Fears of a killer flu pandemic combine with myths that the Russian Tsar's daughter Anastasia survived her family's murder by the Bolsheviks in Robert Masello's effective page-turner **The Romanov Cross** (Vintage, £6.99, paperback, ebook). When melting ice uncovers bodies on an island off Alaska, there are fears the corpses could harbour the deadly Spanish Flu. The site also has links to the Russian Revolution and the notorious Rasputin. If you like Dan Brown type thrillers, this is an easy exciting beach read. **LB**



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Narrowboats and Steam

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Three days departing September 5

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Take a trip on a narrowboat along a Yorkshire canal; a steam journey on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite railway, and cruise on England's longest lake during this short break.

It's full steam ahead to the South Lake District for the 20 minute journey on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway. Passing through Newby Bridge to Windermere Lakeside the journey takes in the ever-changing lake and river scenes of the Leven Valley on this steeply graded railway. This is followed by a 40 minute cruise along Windermere to the pretty town of Bowness.

In Bowness there is plenty to do. Perhaps hire a small boat or sit by the waterfront and admire the views. There is also a Beatrix Potter attraction and a steamboat museum which has an interesting collection of late Victorian steamboats (entrances payable locally).

The 127 mile Leeds Liverpool canal is the longest in England and the location for a 60 minute cruise by narrowboat. Built in 1816 it was still in use for trade as late as the 1960's.

A visit is also made to the market town of Skipton, at the foot of the North Yorkshire Dales with its 900 year old Norman and Tudor castle and selection of pubs.

INFO

- Return coach travel
- Two nights half-board accommodation
- Trip on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway
- Cruise on Lake Windermere
- Narrowboat cruise on the Leeds Liverpool canal
- Time in Skipton and Bowness
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- Services of a tour driver
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Bond in Motion

Exhibition at the London Film Museum

Two days departing October 4

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- Entrance to the Bond in Motion exhibition
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Glorious Goodwood

Two days departing August 2

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- Visit to Windsor
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Bletchley Park

The Secrets of War

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- Visit to Oxford
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Stonehenge, Bath and Oxford

Three days departing Aug 8 and Sept 12

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- Visits to Oxford, Bath and Wells
- Services of a tour manager
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Chatsworth House and the Peak District

Two days departing July 20

PRICE FROM £89.95

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Entrance to Chatsworth House and gardens
- Tour of the Peak District
- Evening entertainment
- Services of a tour driver
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

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Oban, Mull, Iona and Skye

Five days departing October 5

PRICE FROM £339

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation on the outward journey
- Three nights half-board accommodation in the Oban and Fort William area
- Tour of the Isles of Mull, Iona and Skye
- Visit to Tobermory
- Services of a tour driver
- Single rooms subject to availability -supplement applies

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Windsor Castle, Tower of London and Cutty Sark

Four days departing Aug 15, Sept 19

PRICE FROM £269

- Return coach travel
- Three nights half-board accommodation
- Entrances to Windsor Castle, Tower of London and the Cutty Sark
- Free time in Windsor and London
- Visit to Henley on Thames and Royal Greenwich
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Certain entrance fees payable locally

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Thrones actor in dramatic tribute to great Welsh poet

GAME of Thrones actor Owen Teale will return to his Welsh roots in the centenary production of Under Milk Wood, celebrating what would have been the 100th birthday of poet Dylan Thomas this year.

A company of Welsh actors feature in director Terry Hands' touring production at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday. The production marks the centenary of Dylan Thomas' birth, as well as the 60th anniversary since Under Milk Wood was first produced in Britain, as a radio play by the BBC, in 1954.

Owen Teale — Under Milk Wood

Village

The lyrical evocation of the Welsh seaside village of Llareggub (try it backwards) and the secrets of its inhabitants will be revealed in this Clwyd Theatr Cymru production. It also featuresTorchwood actor Kai Owen and Steven Meo from BBC TV sitcom Grownups.

Swansea-born, like Dylan Thomas, actor Owen Teale is currently Night Watch master of arms Alliser Thorne in hit fantasy series Game of Thrones and has also appeared in Stella. He won a Best Actor Tony for his performance in A Doll's House on Broadway .

Shirley Ann Field and Karen Ford star in creepy Victorian melodrama Ladies in Retirement at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to Friday. Propeller Theatre Company, devoted to Shakespeare, are coming to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre. A Comedy of Errors will be staged on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday matinee. A Midsummer Night's Dream on Wednesday, Thursday (twice) and Saturday evening.

The National Theatre's hit farce One Man Two Guvnors continues at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday.

Vintage ballets revived

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet are returning to their city home to present a summer season from June 4 to 15 which is a tribute to founder choreographer Frederick Ashton.

From Wednesday to Saturday at Birmingham Hippodrome, Darkness and Light features three works from the early days of British ballet in the 1930s and 40s.

Created during the war and inspired by Dante's Divine Comedy and featuring music by Lizt, Dante Sonata depicts the struggle between good and evil. Les Rendezvous is a charming ballet about friends meeting in a park and Facade is a comic work based on Edith Sitwell's poems.

From June 11 to 15, Ashton's classic family favourite set in a rural idyll, La Fille mal gardee with its famous clog dance, will be staged at the Hippodrome.

A scene from Frederick Ashton's Les Redezvous performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet

Veteran singer has show in heartland

ONE of the last of the great crooners of the 1950s, Tony Bennett, will be playing the Symphony Hall later this year as part of a UK tour only visiting Birmingham, London and Glasgow.

The veteran singer, whose signature song is I Left My Heart In San Francisco, has in recent years had hit albums featuring duets, ranging from Lady Gaga and Amy Winehouse to Michael Buble and Paul McCartney.

In a career spanning six decades, the New Yorker who is 87 in August has won 17 Grammy awards. He will be in concert at the Centenary Square venue on September 11.Tickets went on sale last week priced from £45 to £75.

Culture Club to be reunited at NIA

THE original line-up of 1980s chart toppers Culture Club is to play live dates across the UK.

The band, including Boy George, will be playing at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, on December 12 with guest Alison Moyet.

It is the first time in 15 years the original quartet, which also includes drummer Jon Moss, bass player Mikey Craig and guitarist Roy Hay, have played together.

Culture Club sold more than 100 million singles and 50m albums and achieved seven straight Top 10 hits in the UK.

Bugg back like lightning for gig

SINGER Jake Bugg has announced an extra date at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

The Nottingham-born singer-songwriter earlier this month announced he would play the venue as part of his UK tour on October 7. But due to huge demand for tickets, he will also now play the Civic Hall on October 6. His tour this autumn takes in London's Alexandra Palace, while Bugg will also perform at Glastonbury, T in the Park and Reading and Leeds Festivals this summer.

In under three years Bugg has gone from performing in pubs to selling out the Royal Albert Hall and playing to 10,000 at Nottingham Arena. He picked up best new act at last year's Q Awards.

Bunnymen will be returning in July

A CONCERT by Echo & The Bunnymen which was cancelled earlier this month has been rescheduled for July.

The influential Liverpool rock band were due to appear at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on May 11 but had to pull out when lead singer Ian McCulloch lost his voice.

The concert has now been rescheduled for Thursday, July 3.

All tickets for the original date remain valid, although refunds are available for those unable to make the new date.

Tickets priced £29.15 are available on 0870 320 7000.

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The Americans (ITV, 10.20pm)
Over the past couple of years The Americans has attracted a cult following on this side of the Pond, and there's a good chance these final two episodes will leave fans perched on the edge of their seats. This week, Arkady finally plays his hand, and Stan (Noah Emmerich) is forced into an unenviable decision. Meanwhile, Philip (Matthew Rhys) attempts to prep Fred for a vital mission and Elizabeth (Keri Russell) desperately tries to get Jared out. In the season finale, Nina's fate rests in Stan's hands, and Henry and Paige are moved to a safe house. Holly Taylor, Keidrich Sellati, Noah Emmerich, Richard Thomas, Susan Misner, Alison Wright, Lev Gorn, Annet Mahendru, Costa Ronin and Lee Tergesen also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Triathlon. The ITU World Triathlon Series meeting from Hyde Park, London. **5.10 Film:** How to Train Your Dragon. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel.

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman quiz more famous faces, inviting four pairs of TV academics to take on the challenge. The teams are broadcaster Clemency Burton-Hill and doctor-turned-funnyman Graeme Garden, TV historian Dan Snow and Countdown word expert Susie Dent, doctor and TV presenter Michael Mosley and academic Germaine Greer, and BBC business correspondents Robert Peston and Steph McGovern. (R)

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with music by Matt Cardle.

8.40 Casualty. A barrister is angry to have been replaced on a case by a colleague, and as she dashes from court she collides with a cyclist. However, when Jeff and Tamzin arrive, it soon becomes clear the woman's problems are more mental than physical. A teenager is brought in after collapsing and as Connie tries to find the cause, she also has to deal with his overbearing father, who is struggling to come to terms with his son's sexuality.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. A hypnotist provides the entertainment at the triplets' baptism – and Agnes soon finds herself under his spell. Meanwhile, Mark delivers some heartbreaking news. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton.

12.05 Film: The Uninvited. (2009) **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 The Pallisers. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** World Cup Films. **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Robert Mitchum: Talking Pictures. **1.35 Film:** Build My Gallows High. (1947) Film noir, starring Robert Mitchum. **3.05 Film:** Fire Down Below. (1957) Romantic drama, starring Rita Hayworth and Robert Mitchum. **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Natural World: Meet the Monkeys. Wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson travels to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi to examine the lives of Celebes crested macaques, which are found nowhere else in the world. He teams up with a local biologist to get to know some of the characters in the troop and reveal their habits, and learns that the species has become endangered due to an illegal trade in its meat, which is seen as a delicacy. (R)

7.00 Sir Kenneth Clark: Portrait of a Civilised Man – A Culture Show Special. A profile of the broadcaster and art historian to coincide with a Tate Britain exhibition about him, revealing a contradictory character who transformed the UK's cultural landscape.

8.00 Fawlty Towers. Basil goes to great lengths to prove a guest has smuggled a woman into his room, but instead keeps being caught in compromising situations with a young Australian woman. (R)

8.35 The Goodies. A gigantic kitten terrorises London, leaving the three friends as the only ones who can save the city. Comedy, starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. (R)

9.05 I Love 1973. Noddy Holder presents a nostalgic look back at 1973, when his band Slade were at the height of their success, the latest fashion fad was the parka and Kojak was a TV hit. (R)

10.05 Top of the Pops Christmas 1978. Noel Edmonds presents a festive edition of the music show, featuring Darts, Abba, Boney M, Rose Royce, Bee Gees, Wings, Kate Bush and Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. (R)

11.05 The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold. (R)

12.35 Film: Mean Streets. (1973) **2.20** This Is BBC Two. **5.40 Film:** Beautiful But Dangerous. (1954)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.20** Storage Hoarders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Beethoven's 5th. (2003) **3.05** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. Viewers' videos for Beyonce and LMFAO hits, Freddie Mercury impersonators, and a musical showdown between aerial hoopists and workers at a hearing dogs for the deaf home.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring the Mafia moving to the Lake District and Harry himself challenging Vic Reeves to a game of walnut golf.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the last live semi-final, which sees nine acts compete for the remaining two slots in the final and the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance. The results are at 9.30pm.

8.30 World Cup Epic Fails. Angus Deayton celebrates the funny side of the football tournament, from cringeworthy opening ceremonies and dreadful songs to previously unseen presenter out-takes.

9.30 Britain's Got Talent Results. The act who most impressed the public receives a ticket to the final, while the judges offer the last remaining place to one of the runners-up. Ant and Dec present.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 The Americans. Arkady finally plays his hand, forcing Stan into an unenviable decision, Philip tries to prepare Fred for a crucial mission and Elizabeth rushes to get Jared out.

11.15 The Americans. Nina finds her fate is in Stan's hands, while Paige and Henry are moved to a safe house as parents Philip and Elizabeth complete their latest mission. Last in the series.

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, York and Newmarket. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Martin Young hosts the final dinner party in Chelmsford, Essex, throwing a Caribbean-themed evening before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. George Clarke meets builders Ian and Jayne Hall Edwards, who want to turn a derelict Victorian school in Pencader, Carmarthenshire, into a place of business and a family home. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Royal Marine captain Jon's life changed for ever when he stepped onto a land mine in Afghanistan and lost three limbs. After viewing many uninspired specialist homes and considering awkward conversions, he and partner Becky realised their best option was to build a property themselves. The design is cutting-edge, with sleek glass walls, open-plan spaces and a dramatic wing-like roof, and the couple want there to be no noticeable adaptations. However, they soon use up their budget of £250,000 and encounter problems with their incredibly tight schedule. Kevin McCloud follows their progress. (R)

9.00 Film: Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance. (2011) Premiere. The demon biker roams Eastern Europe, looking for a way to rid himself of his supernatural alter ego. He is approached by a mysterious monk, who needs help protecting a boy from the horrific destiny the Devil has in store for him. Fantasy thriller sequel, starring Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba, Ciaran Hinds and Christopher Lambert.

10.50 Film: The Firm. (1993) Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman.

1.45 Film: Semi-Pro. (2008) **3.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.20** Four Rooms. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.30** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **11.35 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) **1.20 Film:** Raid on Rommel. (1971) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton. **3.15 Film:** The Dam Busters. (1954) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **5.45** What the Dambusters Did Next. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5: Fourth ODI. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth encounter in the five-match one-day international series, which was staged at Lord's. England's record here in this format in recent years is distinctly average, with just two victories from their last nine matches, including a six-wicket defeat to the Sri Lankans in 2011. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.10 Longmire. Walt investigates the murder of two teenagers who were acquitted of raping a Cheyenne girl and all signs point to the victim's brother exacting revenge. Last in the series.

8.55 NCIS. Tony and Ziva visit Paris to escort Nora Williams, the key witness in an embezzlement case, back to America – but on the return flight they realise an assassin has boarded the plane with them, determined to ensure she never reaches home soil to testify. Crime drama, starring Michael Weatherly and Cote de Pablo. (R)

9.55 NCIS. Tony and Ziva track a suspected terrorist to a warehouse, where they find traces of radioactive metal – together with evidence suggesting a nuclear attack on Washington, DC, is being planned. Unfortunately, news of the threat leaks out to the public, triggering widespread panic. Naval crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

10.55 NCIS. Gibbs' former mother-in-law surfaces as a witness in a murder investigation, and it transpires the victim had ties to a drug cartel that killed the agent's first wife and daughter. (R)

11.55 Access. Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **8.30** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** World Cup's Best Ever Goals, Ever! **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.15** Russell Howard's Good News **1.45** World Cup's Best Ever Goals, Ever! **2.40** Sweat the Small Stuff **3.10** C-Bomb **3.30** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Amazon Abyss **8.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Wallander **10.30** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **11.30** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **12.30** History of the Eagles **1.35** Top of the Pops: 1979 **2.20** Sounds of the 70s 2 Reggae – Stir It Up **2.50** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.25 Fearne and McBusted **1.25** You've Been Framed! Full Throttle **2.25** You've Been Framed Extreme! **3.35 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.20 Film:** Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **7.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent **11.05 Film:** Fast & Furious (2009) **1.15** Viral Tap **1.55** Britain's Got More Talent **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.45 Northanger Abbey **2.45** Lewis **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** Lewis **2.00** Judge Judy **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
9.00 TT 2014 **10.00** Premiership Rugby Union **11.00 Film:** The Killer Inside Me (2010) **1.15** TT 2014 **2.15** Nitro Circus **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4
2.00 The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Youngers **4.35** Rude(ish) Tube **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.10** Rude Tube: Epic Fails **2.15** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Cleveland Show **3.45** Glee

Film4
1.00 The Addams Family (1991) **2.55** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) **4.45** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **6.30** The Legend of Zorro (2005) **9.00** A Time to Kill (1996) **11.55** 28 Weeks Later (2007)

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CHOICE

Christine Bleakley and Michael Flatley

Michael Flatley: A Night to Remember (ITV, 8pm)

Marking the 20th anniversary of Riverdance, this entertainment special hosted by Christine Bleakley sees Michael Flatley take to the stage to perform on British TV for the first time in more than a decade, accompanied by his troupe of 30 dancers and musicians. The renowned choreographer also looks back on his career, and former Girls Aloud singer Nadine Coyle performs the title song to his new show Lord of the Dance - Dangerous Games. Friends and fans including Bruce Forsyth also pay tribute.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.10** Flog It! **3.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.55** Brazil with Michael Palin. (R) **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.30 BBC News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire, once owned by the powerful Rothschild family, revealing the links between the estate and the Wildlife Trust. Ellie Harrison is nearby in Wendover Woods, discovering creatures great and small, from tiny bats to a mythical beast loved by children everywhere. John Craven finds out about the traditional art of printing using boxwood, Tom Heap asks the developers of the HS2 high-speed train whether they can live up to their environmental promise of no loss to biodiversity and Adam Henson searches for a new bull on the Queen's Balmoral estate. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit the home of the Royal Ballet School in Richmond Park, London, where items include a table made of timber from Old London Bridge and a musical chamber pot. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 Quirke. The family has been rocked by the revelation that Quirke is the natural father of Phoebe, prompting her to move out and take up with a dangerous man called Leslie White. The name soon becomes familiar to the pathologist, who is investigating two apparent suicides – one a rich society woman, the other the wife of a former student – and when he is led into Dublin's seedy underworld of drugs and erotica, he has reason to fear for his daughter's safety. Crime drama set in the 1950s, starring Gabriel Byrne.

10.30 BBC News; Weather.

10.55 Regional Programme.

11.25 Film: Ghost Town. (2008) A bad-tempered dentist gains the ability to see ghosts and is forced to help them sort out their unresolved problems. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 The Pallisers. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Live Rowing. The European Championships. **1.45 Film:** The Victors. (1963) Second World War drama, starring George Peppard. **4.15** Live Women's FA Cup Final. Everton v Arsenal (Kick-off 4.30pm).

7.00 Tropic of Cancer. Simon Reeve continues to trace the path of the northern tropic around the globe, joining travellers on the coast of Western Sahara to partake in the extreme sport of kite surfing, and meeting activists who campaign for indigenous people's rights. He continues on through the world's largest minefield, takes a gruelling train ride across Mauritania and visits huge refugee camps in the Algerian desert. (R)

8.00 I Bought a Rainforest. New series. Wildlife cameraman Charlie Hamilton James has bought 100 acres of the Peruvian rainforest, a strategic purchase he hopes will stop loggers entering the Manu National Park and illegally cutting down trees. In the first edition, he establishes camp and gets his bearings, only to discover he has not bought the pristine virgin rainforest of his dreams, but instead an area of secondary forest complete with a squatter, cocaine crops and evidence suggesting that he may have some dangerous neighbours.

9.00 Britain's Greatest Pilot: The Extraordinary Story of Captain Winkle Brown. Former Royal Navy officer and test pilot Captain Eric "Winkle" Brown has flown more types of aircraft than anyone in history and is regarded as one of the best pilots Britain has produced. In this programme, the 95-year-old chats to James Holland about his flying experiences and encounters with Nazis, as well as other adventures leading up to and during the Second World War, illustrated by archive and personal photographs.

10.00 D-Day: The Last Heroes. Part one of two. Dan Snow examines how meticulous planning, espionage and 3D aerial photos helped the Allied forces gain a foothold in northern France in June 1944. (R)

11.00 D-Day: The Last Heroes. (R)

12.00 Film: Battle in Seattle. (2007) **1.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.35 Film:** Columbo: Etude in Black. (1972) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and John Cassavetes. **3.30** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **4.00** A Touch of Frost. (R)

6.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill showcases more funny footage filmed by viewers, featuring monkeys behaving badly, major slip-ups and Harry's Top Five Reasons to Never Go to America. (R)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special. Denise Van Outen, Jo Brand and Charlie Condou try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues and win thousands of pounds for charity. Stephen Mulhern hosts.

8.00 Michael Flatley: A Night to Remember. Christine Bleakley hosts an entertainment special in which the choreographer takes to the stage with his troupe of 30 dancers and musicians, as well as looking back on his career.

9.00 Coronation Street. Tina's condition deteriorates and the pressure mounts for one resident. A furious Nick realises Leanne and Kal are having an affair, while Rita's attitude toward Dennis thaws.

9.30 Film: Quantum of Solace. (2008) James Bond sets out on a personal mission of vengeance as he pursues the secret criminal organisation Quantum. His search leads him to the head of an ecological corporation, who is plotting to orchestrate a coup in a Latin American country to get his hands on a precious natural resource. Spy thriller sequel, starring Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Judi Dench, Gemma Arterton and Mathieu Amalric.

11.35 ITV News; Weather.

11.50 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.40 The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.15** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** British F3 International Series. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** The Simpsons. (R) **3.50 Film:** Chalet Girl. (2011) Comedy, starring Felicity Jones. **5.40** Deal or No Deal.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Four Rooms. Dealers Gordon Watson, Celia Sawyer, Alex Proud and David Sonnenthal dig deep into their pockets for a retro arcade machine, a rare collection of JRR Tolkien first-edition books, a celebrity sports kit and show-stopping shoes. Meeting each potential purchaser in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to reject an offer. Presented by Anita Rani.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead have trawled the barns and lock-ups of Britain to find and painstakingly restore six classic vehicles. Now it's time for their pride-and-joy collection to be shipped off to one of the nation's largest and most prestigious car auctions to face their last, and greatest, challenge – the buying public. The auction room fills with some familiar faces as the Ford Escort Mexico, Mini Cooper Mk1, Triumph Stag, Land Rover Series 1, MG-TC and DeLorean DMC-12 all go under the hammer. Last in the series.

9.00 Fargo. As Malvo seeks answers, Lester schemes to obtain a few of his own, but is the insurance salesman in too deep? Meanwhile, Molly and Gus try to get past a setback in the murder investigation. Continuing the American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman and Allison Tolman.

10.05 Film: The Change-Up. (2011) Premiere. Two friends envy each other's life, but when they magically switch bodies, they learn the other does not have it so easy. Comedy, with Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds.

12.10 Film: Meet the Spartans. (2008) **1.35** Southland. **2.20** Utopia. (R) **3.15** Dog's Mercury. (R) **3.40** Building the Dream. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. (R) **11.25** Ultimate Police Interceptors. **11.55 Film:** Street Fighter. (1994) **1.50 Film:** Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **3.40 Film:** Big Daddy. (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **5.25 Film:** Open Season 2. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale.

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion. (2003) An evil crime lord tries to capture a boy who has supernatural powers, but a team of international police officers is on his trail. One of the cops is killed saving the child, who resurrects him using a magical medallion. The revived detective now has superhuman abilities, which he uses to protect the youngster. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan, Lee Evans, Julian Sands, Claire Forlani and John Rhys-Davies. Edited for violence.

9.00 Film: Resident Evil: Extinction. (2007) Zombie-fighting heroine Alice comes out of hiding to protect a group of refugees in a post-apocalyptic wasteland overrun by the walking dead. Meanwhile, the sinister corporation that created the zombie virus is about to embark on its most dangerous experiment yet. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Oded Fehr and Ali Larter.

10.35 Film: Blade II. (2002) The vampire slayer teams up with his enemies to battle mutants preying on both the living and the undead. Fantasy action thriller sequel, with Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson.

12.45 SuperCasino. **3.10** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarrm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** The World Cup's 50 Greatest Moments **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.30** Sweat the Small Stuff **1.00** Jonah from Tonga **1.25** In the Flesh **2.25** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.55** In the Flesh **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer **8.00** The Town That Loves Books: BBC Arts at Hay **9.00** Dylan Thomas: A Poet's Guide **10.00** Under Milk Wood in Pictures: Peter Blake Does Dylan **10.30** Under Milk Wood **11.30** Troubadours: The Rise of the Singer-Songwriter **12.55** Searching for Sugar Man: Storyville **2.15** Sounds of the 70s 2 Troubadours – Peaceful Easy Feeling **2.45** Dylan Thomas: A Poet's Guide **3.45** Close

ITV2

11.00 You've Been Framed! **11.35 Film:** Twister (1996) **1.45 Film:** Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **3.55** Britain's Got Talent **5.25** Britain's Got Talent Results **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.55** You've Been Framed! **7.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.50 Film:** Something Borrowed (2011) **1.05** Viral Tap **1.45** The Vampire Diaries **2.30** Life's Funniest Moments **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.35 Agatha Christie's Marple **1.40** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. The middle Sunday of the Grand Slam at Roland Garros, Paris. **8.00** Lewis **10.00 Film:** The Hours (2002) **12.25** William and Mary **1.30** Lewis **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **4.00** Emmerdale

ITV4

3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.25** Highway Patrol **7.55** French Open Tennis **9.00** TT 2014 **10.00 Film:** TT: Closer to the Edge (2011) **12.10** The Unrideables **1.15** TT 2014 **2.15** Warren United **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store

E4

4.00 The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00 Film:** Stardust (2007) **10.35** The Inbetweeners **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.35** Rude Tube: Epic Fails **1.35** Troy **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** 2 Broke Girls **3.45** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Geordie (1955) **1.00** Home Alone 3 (1997) **3.00** Inkheart (2008) **5.05** Meet Dave (2008) **6.55** The Wedding Planner (2001) **9.00** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** Conviction (2010) **1.35** Looking for Eric (2009) **3.55** Close

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MONDAY
The Devil's Advocate, Channel 5, 11pm
A hotshot lawyer is lured away from his provincial practice to work for a powerful big-city law firm. However, he gradually comes to realise that his charismatic new boss is none other than Satan himself, who has a special plan in mind for the ambitious attorney. Supernatural thriller, starring Al Pacino. (1997)

TUESDAY
Daylight, ITV, 10.35pm
A devastating explosion in the New Jersey Tunnel causes a horrific pile-up, trapping a group of motorists underground. A former emergency worker witnesses the blast and heads in to guide the handful of survivors to safety before the waters of the Hudson river above them break through and flood the tunnel. Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone, Amy Brenneman, Viggo Mortensen and Claire Bloom. (1996)

Swingers, BBC1, 11.50pm
Struggling actor Mike's confidence is shattered when his girlfriend breaks up with him. His charismatic friend Trent refuses to let him wallow in self pity, and hurls the lovesick Mike into the Hollywood singles scene in the hope of him acquiring some new female company and getting his self-esteem back. Comedy, starring Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn. (1996)

The Devil's Advocate, Monday, Channel 5, 11pm

WEDNESDAY
The Other Man, BBC1, 11.15pm
A husband learns his wife is having an affair when he discovers provocative photos of her with another man. He resolves to track down her lover and exact his revenge but when he confronts the man about his misdeeds, he instead strikes up an unlikely friendship, making him question whether he should continue with his vengeful scheme. Drama, starring Liam Neeson, Antonio Banderas and Laura Linney. (2008)

THURSDAY
The Perfect Assistant, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman becomes obsessively infatuated with her boss, but does not act on her desires out of respect for his family. However, when his wife becomes seriously ill, she sees an opportunity to murder her, so the object of her affection will be available. Thriller, starring Josie Davis, Chris Potter and Sophie Gendron. (2008)

FRIDAY
Cape Fear, ITV, 10.35pm
A psychopathic rapist is released from prison and plots revenge on the defence attorney he blames for his imprisonment. Thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis and Gregory Peck. (1991)

Pick of the Week

Comedians do their bit for a worthy cause

It's that time of the year again, when the great and the good of the comedy world gather at London's O2 to perform in front of a packed audience while raising money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

Actually, the gig itself took place on May 16, with tickets snapped up weeks in advance, despite some of them costing a rather lofty £150. Mind you, the sheer number of outstanding performers on view means that you could argue it was very good value.

So if you weren't lucky enough to get one, couldn't afford it, or it was too far to travel, fret not because Channel 4 is broadcasting the show in its entirety.

Those included in the line-up are Aisling Bea, Alan Carr, Jack Dee, Jason Byrne, Jason Manford, Jo Brand, Jon Richardson, John Bishop, Jonathan Ross, Josh Widdicombe, Kevin Bridges, Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre, Paddy McGuinness, Paul Chowdhry, Sean Lock, Seann Walsh and Warwick Davis.

Also featured are Adam Hills, who's fast becoming the face of Channel 4 thanks to his series The Last Leg and hosting celebrity versions of Fifteen to One (another of which can be seen on Friday), and Kerry Godliman, who's well known for her starring role as Hannah in Ricky Gervais's kind-hearted comedy drama Derek.

While we're all guffawing at their on-stage antics, it's easy to forget the good cause the entertainers are raising money for.

According to the charity's website, funds from the event will go towards a brand-new operating theatre at the hospital that will aid surgeons in their efforts to treat an increased number of children with rare and often life-threatening conditions.

So far, the previous four Comedy Galas have raised an impressive £2.5million, for which Tim Johnson, Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, is very grateful.

"Around one in three inpatients at Great Ormond Street Hospital will have surgery at some point during their stay, so it's vital for us to have modern, world-class surgical facilities," says Johnson. "The money raised by Channel 4's Comedy Gala is helping us make a real difference for patients and families from across the UK."

This year's gala is particularly poignant because it's dedicated to the memory of Addison Cresswell, who came up with the idea for the show.

Cresswell was a tour de force in the comedy world, acting as the agent for many of those appearing at the Gala, including Brand, Ross and Dee.

He died suddenly of a heart attack in December last year, after which a spokesman said: "Addison leaves behind a proud legacy in his tireless charity work, initiating and organising the annual Channel 4 Comedy Gala in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

"It was his dearest wish to raise enough to fund the opening of a brand-new wing of the hospital, a goal that is now in sight."

It's fitting that many of those whose careers he gave at least a nudge to over the years are giving up their time to help a worthy cause that was so close to his heart.

Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2014, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Secret Life of Cats
ITV, 9pm
An insight into the world of the much-loved pet, using new filming techniques to uncover the qualities possessed by every cat, from pedigree breeds to ordinary household moggies. The documentary, narrated by Martin Clunes, reveals how these animals employ acute senses and excellent balance to explore their surroundings, and tells some remarkable stories, from the surprising relationship between a blind Labrador and his feline friend, to the cat that survived falling from a 19th-floor flat. Secret Life of Babies is tomorrow at 9pm.

TUESDAY
Quads: Our First Year
ITV, 8pm
After nearly four years of trying for a baby, Julian and Sharon Turner thought they might never conceive, but on their final attempt at IVF two implanted embryos split, giving them two sets of identical twins – two boys and two girls – an event calculated at odds of 70 million to one. This documentary follows the quadruplets' hectic first 12 months, from the precarious early weeks – born three months premature – through the demands of round-the-clock care, to the siblings' birthday celebrations.

Secret Life of Babies
ITV, 9pm
Following on from last night's Secret Life of Cats, Martin Clunes narrates this revealing insight into the world of infants. But which one's better? Hang on, Harry Hill already tried to find that out on TV Burp years ago… Instead, this documentary uses scientific research to reveal what it's like to be a baby from their perspective. Their lives are confusing enough, so when the programme then places them in a string of unusual situations, from experiencing 100-metre heights to towering over miniature buildings, the babies' reactions are fascinating. There's also some inspiring personal stories, including the tale of the six-month-old who was blown off a pier in his pushchair – and, incredibly, lived to tell (well, gurgle) the tale.

WEDNESDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
The build-up to England's World Cup campaign continues with this friendly against Ecuador, which represents the penultimate match before Roy Hodgson's men take to the field for their Group D opener against Italy in 10 days' time. The fixture takes place at the Sunlife Stadium in Miami, as England look to acclimatise to an increase in temperature and humidity that is likely to be such a factor in Brazil. Ecuador are a largely unknown quantity for England, with the nations having met on just two occasions, the last of which was in the 2006 World Cup when a David Beckham goal was all that separated the sides, allowing England to progress to the quarter-finals.

The McCanns and the Conman
Channel 5, 9pm
The shocked eyes of the world turned to Portugal in May of 2007, when four-year-old Madeleine McCann disappeared from her hotel room, as her parents had dinner a few metres away. This one-off documentary takes a look at Operation Omega, the secret private investigation in 2008 to find the little girl. The investigation was set up by security consultant Kevin Halligen, but as it went on, it came to light that Halligen was not a spy at all – instead he was one of the world's most audacious conmen. But that's not to take away from the operation – significant information and leads uncovered from Omega have actually gone on to form part of the current Scotland Yard inquiry to find out what happened to Madeleine.

Farewell Tina, Friday, ITV, 8pm

THURSDAY
Big Brother: Power Trip Live Launch
Channel 5, 9pm
New series. Emma Willis hosts the first of two launch editions as the fly-on-the-wall reality show returns for its 15th season, ushering in another diverse group of fame-seeking individuals who have been chosen to spend their summer invading the nation's living rooms. Expect the usual selection of likely lads, would-be Wags and outsiders who will be stepping into a house that has undergone a complete redesign, with futuristic stark open spaces and sleek clean lines. As ever, multiple cameras will be catching the housemates' every word and move – and as this year's theme suggests, 'power' is all-important. But who will be in charge? That remains to be revealed.

FRIDAY
Farewell Tina
ITV, 8pm
She had the brightest smile and the deepest tan in Weatherfield, but sadly barmaid Tina McIntyre is no longer around to bring a little sunshine to our screens. The Coronation Street character met a sticky end this week, but while soap fans try to come to terms with her loss, this documentary tells the story of Tina's alter ego, actress Michelle Keegan. We get to see just how perfect she was for the part as Michelle watches her 2007 audition tape for the first time.

D-Day 70: The Heroes Return
BBC2, 8pm
Huw Edwards presents highlights of today's events from Normandy commemorating the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings by Allied troops. Normandy '44: The Battle Beyond D-Day can be seen at 9.30pm.

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Codeword

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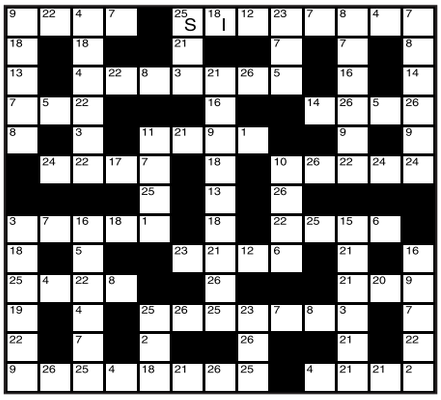

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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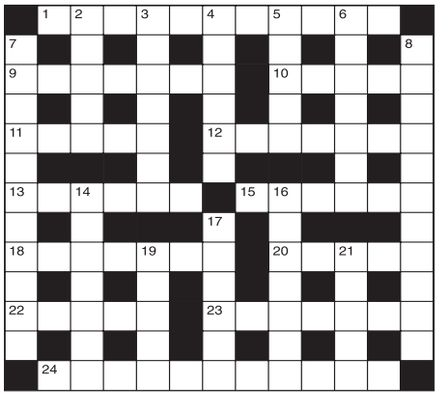
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It has been burned lately by students (8,3)
9. No clear remedy for the old boy (7)
10. A striker in a game (5)
11. Go into some apparently open terms (5)
12. Singer shows there's nothing in turning the corner (7)
13. Officer commanding worship is mystic (6)
15. Stick to commercial in this place (6)
18. Urge to act miles up (7)
20. Heather I care about (5)
22. Listened to egghead in difficult surroundings (5)
23. The actors were first to have moved on the board (7)
24. Angrily took food to excess (11)

Down

2. Let in as a member of the group (5)
3. There's no side to him, of course (7)
4. Sounds like a musical country (6)
5. The time of the bright emporium (5)
6. Concentrated tennis out East (7)
7. Leave the darkness to be revealed (4,2,5)
8. Do they make the workers under them pay? (6,5)
14. Tip a can for the officer (7)
16. Part of the bedroom furniture? No! (7)
17. Do drinkers find it stormy? (6)
19. 50 on the rim of the shelf (5)
21. At home with a tenant in coastal feature (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Destroying (11)
9. Airman (7)
10. Unaccompanied (5)
11. Kingly (5)
12. Draw (7)
13. Renounce (6)
15. Result (6)
18. Erase (7)
20. Unfeeling (5)
22. Change (5)
23. Building (7)
24. Discipline (11)

Down

2. Looking at (5)
3. Nominal (7)
4. Illusory (6)
5. Pamphlet (5)
6. Profane (7)
7. Road (11)
8. Abstainer (11)
14. Zeus (7)
16. Clique (7)
17. Annul (6)
19. Cherish (5)
21. Parts (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Outclass; 5 Maid; 9 Mean; 10 Magazine; 11 Lemon; 12 Lurking; 13 As weak as water; 18 Floodlit; 19 Aids; 20 Begonia; 21 Melon; 22 Ends; 23 Aspirate. Down: 2 Useless; 3 Console; 4 Small capitals; 6 Animist; 7 Dredger; 8 Marrow; 13 Affable; 14 Wronged; 15 Ardent; 16 Amateur; 17 Endmost. QUICK - Across: 1 Gracious; 5 Flag; 9 Anon; 10 Disclose; 11 Bower; 12 Turnout; 13 Inadvertently; 18 Spacious; 19 Gone; 20 Augment; 21 Debar; 22 Tome; 23 Addition. Down: 2 Run-down; 3 Contend; 4 Uninterrupted; 6 Lookout; 7 Greatly; 8 Scarce; 13 Instant; 14 Amalgam; 15 Veiled; 16 Neglect; 17 Long ago.

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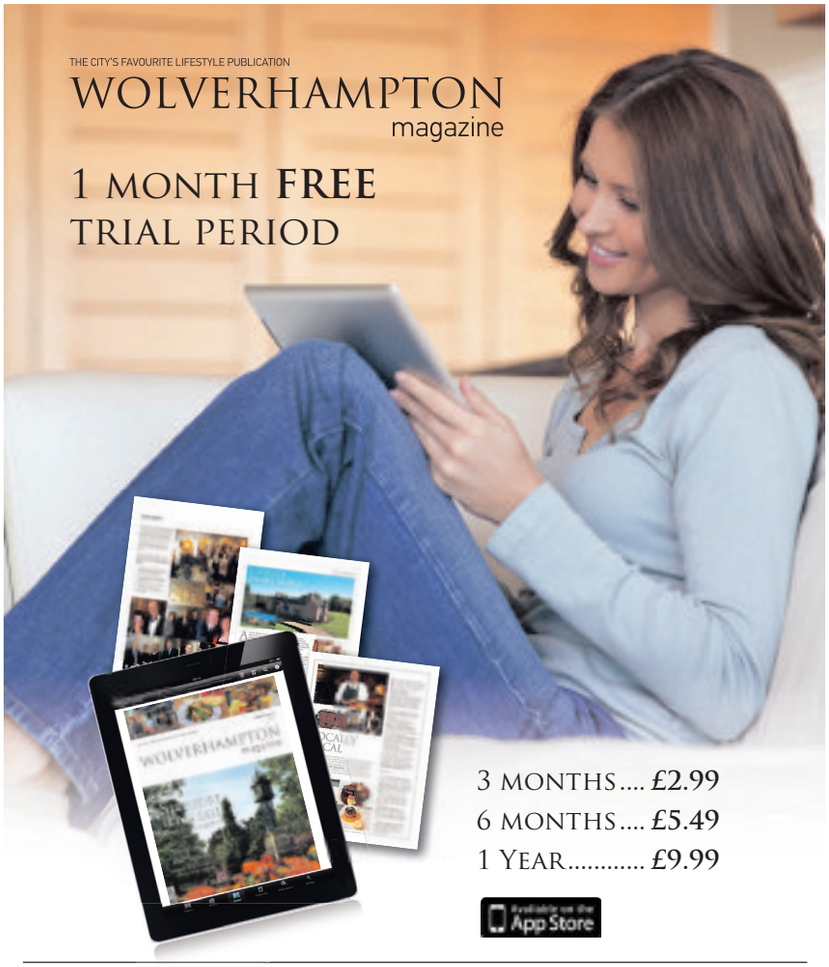

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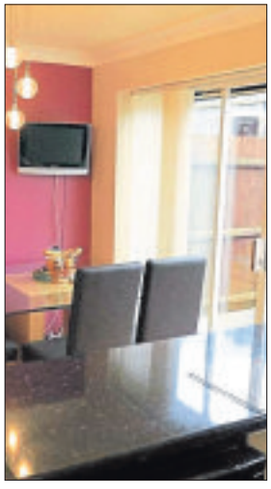

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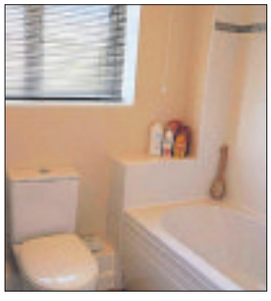

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Renault hits back in style

By Graham Breeze

The new Megane Coupe is likely to play a major part in completing the rescue of the ailing Renault brand.

It's not been a good time in Renault land of late but the GT Line Tom Tom 1.5 dCi is a real example of the company striking back with a flash of real style.

So how do you tell it's a GT Line model? At glance the sporting character of the Tom Tom versions is evident by the lower ride height – reduced by 12mm compared to standard models in the range.

The GT Line Megane has sporty looks and the diesel engine on the test car helped provide competitive performance with fantastic economy.

At the front there is a special bumper design with a reshaped central air intake. Foglamps are housed in striking, dark chrome recesses either side of the bumper and there are black headlamp masks. It's different from behind too. The bumper has a lower section finished in the body colour, which incorporates an aerodynamic diffuser.

The lowered suspension gives the Coupe a firm ride though, and I expected a bit more feedback and response from the steering.

If you are looking to compare specs against main rivals such as Vauxhall Astra GTC and Volkswagen Scirocco you'll find the Megane a cheaper buy, but you might lose out when it comes to trading in.

The Coupe benefits from ABS with EBD brake assist, ASR traction control, Bluetooth, Tom Tom live satellite navigation, cruise control a stability control system.

The GT Line on test picked up rear parking sensors, aluminium sport pedals, Renaultsport styling leather steering wheel and seats, 17inch alloy wheels, tinted rear windows. A leather pack with heated and height adjustable seats are an extra £1,250 but probably worth the money because this is a low car and finding the right individual seating position takes a little time.

There's plenty of space up front, but a sloping roofline means rear seat space headroom is limited and legroom hard to find. But there is a well-shaped and spacious boot which just passes the gold club test and is more than capable of carrying normal luggage loads.

There's a top speed of 118mph but it takes the 1.5 diesel 12.1 seconds to reach 62mph - I expected better.

But it's running costs that are this Renault stand out from the crowd with combined fuel figures of over 80 miles to the gallon.

A week's normal motoring normally costs me close on a tank of fuel - the Megane was still above half full and I was only emitting 90g/km of C02 emissions.

As always Renault put a high value on safety and this model comes with front, side and curtain airbags as standard and front seat airbags which are designed to stop you slipping under the seatbelts in a crash.

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The GT Line Megane has sport looks and the diesel engine on the test car helped provide competitive performance

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Positive feedback for Sirus

West Midlands firm Sirus Automotive, a leading accessible-vehicle conversion specialist, experienced high inquiry levels at Naidex, the largest UK annual health-care/disability exhibition, regarding its upfront wheelchair passenger solutions and new 'We-Can Flex' car.

Sirus, based in Wednesbury, is highly respected in the mobility sector for its high-quality car adaptations which allow wheelchair passengers to travel upfront alongside the driver.

Building on this heritage and to offer more practicality to families, Sirus Automotive has launched the We-Can Flex, which is designed for wheelchair users who prefer to travel in the rear of a vehicle.

Based on the Volkswagen Caddy, this vehicle offers the ideal seating layout for a family, as the adult or child with a disability can still travel in close proximity with fellow passengers. When the wheelchair user does not need to travel, the interior can be reconfigured back to a standard five-seater car.

Simon Pearson, Sirus Automotive managing director said: "We have been delighted with the inquiry levels received at Naidex regarding our new We-Can Flex and existing upfront wheelchair passenger vehicles.

"Visitors to the Sirus stand were extremely impressed with the flexibility and practicality which all our cars provide. We believe this latest Sirus wheelchair-accessible car, the We-Can Flex, will once again provide significant lifestyle benefits and travel convenience for many individuals living with restricted mobility."

Showcased alongside the new We-Can Flex, Sirus also exhibited a selection of adapted WAV models from its established range.

Pictured: Tina Hawthorn, Sirus customer service; Vicky Crees, marketing and PR manager; Michell Angell, warranty co-ordinator; Russell Venvil, co-director; Mike Perrry and Matt Watts, mobility advisors.

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Double success for Fiat

Trade Van Driver, the UK's top van magazine for small business users, has named the Fiat Professional line-up 'Best Trade Van Range' in the Trade Van Driver Awards.

The magazine, which is the only publication to cater specifically for owner-drivers and small fleet operators, also named the Fiat Doblò Work Up as the 'Best Small Pick Up' in the 2014 awards.

Both trophies were presented to Sebastiano Fedrigo, director, Fiat Professional UK, by Matthew Eisenegger, editor of Trade Van Driver, at the 2014 Commercial Vehicle show, at The NEC Birmingham.

Adjudicated not only by a team of expert TVD journalists but also by a panel of readers who use light commercial vehicles as an integral part of their businesses, the awards offer a true reflection of the sentiments of those customers who use their commercial vehicles day to day.

Commenting on the Fiat Professional range, the panel noted: "The needs of trade users are many and varied, and Fiat Professional has taken massive strides in the past few years towards fulfilling all those requirements. Fiat Professional offers a superb range of models and has a real 'can do' attitude towards trade buyers."

Commenting on the second successive win for the Fiat Doblò Work Up, the jury noted that since winning last year "…no-one has come up with a better alternative."

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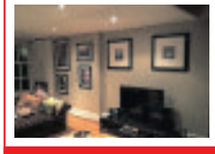

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Marc: I'm leaving Villa with head high

MARC ALBRIGHTON is leaving Villa with "his head held high" after completing his switch to Leicester.

The winger has signed a four-year contract at the Premier League newboys following his release from the claret and blues recently.

Boss Paul Lambert had previously been confident of securing Albrighton but the uncertainty surrounding the up-for-sale club killed any deal.

The 24-year-old came up through the ranks, making 101 appearances since his debut in 2009, and believes he proved himself at Villa Park.

He said: "It was a great 16 years for me at Villa and I had some really wonderful times there that will stay with me forever.

"I'm coming away now with my head held high and really looking forward to this fresh challenge with Leicester. I just can't wait to get going."

Assistant manager Ian Culverhouse has been dismissed after an internal investigation. He follows head of football operations Gary Karsa out of Villa with Paul Lambert now searching for two new back-room staff.

The pair had been suspended since April .

Chess awards handed out at meeting

Chess

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club handed out a round of awards at their recent AGM .

The President's Cup, which is awarded for services to the club, was presented to Dave Scriven for the 10th consecutive year.

The club also gave the The Denis Fernihough Trophy, awarded for most improved player, to Sam Bradley.

Keith Arkell received the Sydney Willets Trophy which is awarded to the best club player.

The meeting heard that 2013- 2014 has been a fantastic season for the club. They came out as champions of divisions one and three in the Wolverhampton league and runners-up in division one of the Dudley league..

The club was also delighted to welcome many new members who have joined for this season. They are very welcome additions to Stourbridge and have played far more than expected. SCC claims to be the only Midlands club with a grand master playing regularly.

As a result of this new influx the club will be fielding more teams next season. To celebrate these achievements the club's annual dinner will be held at Vesuvio's on the June 18.

With the chess season now at an end, Stourbridge chess club is holding their usual program of summer activities which are open to both existing and prospective club members.

The annual post-season friendly Tony Evers match against Halesowen will be held on July 16 at the Stourbridge Institute.

Stourbridge chess club's Summer tournament starts on June 11.

It is a five round tournament using the Swiss pairing system.

This means everyone has the opportunity to play in all five rounds and will be paired against an opponent with the same score. The second round of the tournament will be held on June 25 with the remaining rounds taking place once a fortnight.

Anyone who is interested in joining Stourbridge chess club or playing in the Summer tournament should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more information.

Champs keep their unbeaten record

IT was exciting, end to end netball, in the Division 1 match between reigning champions Sapphets and runners-up Chasetown A when they met in the Wolverhampton City Netball league.

Sapphets just managing to keep their unbeaten record to win by just one goal 22-21. Sam 2 pushed Whitmore X close but just missed out 27-29.

Whitmore Z and Ignite in Divison 2 had to share the points in another evenly matched contest resulting in a 20-20 draw.

Division 3 Ladybirds were flying high in their match against Sedgley Sirens winning 23-12, Sirens just missing out on a point, for being just under 50 per cent of the score. Libra Lea Navy came out on top in their encounter with Wanderers 1 winning 23-12.

Blaze are back on form overpowering newcomers Core Stars in their Division 5 clash winning 35-3. Allsortz did their best but also lost out to Thundercats 4-25.

This year's Annual Dinner Dance/Presentation evening will be held at Goodyears Pavilion on Friday June 13 where last season's league winners/runners-up, and individual awards will be presented.

People push boat out to learn about sailing

HIMLEY Hall Sailing Club, near Stourbridge, enjoyed a good turnout as part of the Push The Boat Out scheme organised by the Royal Yachting Association through water sports centres across the region.

Sailing

The club filled their next RYA Level 1 and 2 learn to sail courses from their 40 first-timers, while in Worcestershire, Trimpley SC near Bewdley had 80 newcomers sailing and Aztec /Upton Warren SC also boasted healthy attendances, with serious course interest.

As many as 22 sailing clubs and water sports centres across the West Mildands welcomed thousands of people out on to the water.

People got nautical for 'have a go' as part of the RYA's national festival of sailing and windsurfing.

Clubs and centres offered free and discounted taster opportunities for all, and people across the West Midlands took advantage of incredible weather to enjoy getting a taste of life on the water.

Among the larger events in the region, Draycote Water SC in Warwickshire took 300 newcomers sailing, with many of those signing up for RYA learn to sail courses and joining the club on the day, while Earlswood Lakes SC, near Solihull, had an unprecedented 240 first-timers enjoying a taster sail and 300 visitors in total.

Eight people signed up for an RYA training course on the day at Earlswood Lakes, with further subsequent enquiries coming via the club website in the days immediately after the event.

The Lord Mayor of Solihull visited and the club staged its own mini -Americas Cup with a live match race.

Bartley SC and Midland SC, in Birmingham, also Pushed the Boat Out. Mike Gibson, Bartley SC Commodore, said: "We took advantage of the opportunity to open our doors so anybody who wanted to try sailing of any age or ability, could get out on the water and see if they enjoy it.

"It's important to try and show that the sport is not elitist and that it's open to everybody."

Gareth Brookes, RYA Regional Development Officer for the Midlands, said: "Push the Boat Out is all about giving people the opportunity to discover the sport at their local sailing club and to find out just how easy it is to get involved ."

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Sykes hoping to keep his foot to the floor

Rally driver Richard Sykes is hoping to build on his success with his Citroen

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes is aiming to build his lead in the British Rally Championship (BRC) Challenge title race at the weekend on the Jim Clark rally.

Sykes grabbed victory on the opening round, the Pirelli rally in Cumbria.

He has never won the BRC Challenge on the Jim Clark although he has finished second three times and third once. He was leading the event last year until he lost a lot of time following an accident.

Since the first round, further work has been undertaken on the Bathams Brewery and G.I.Sykes Ltd-supported Citroën C2 R2 Max to improve the new engine fitted at the start of the season.

"The new engine performed well on the Pirelli but it wasn't quite right so we've done some more development work on it ahead of the Jim Clark," said Sykes. " It often rains on the event so we're thinking of setting the car up for wet conditions. Simon Hawthorne has done his usual excellent job of preparing the car."

"A win would be great next weekend but the first priority is to get a good finish and a decent haul of championship points."The event starts on Friday and continues on Saturday with the crews tackling more than 110 miles of action.

Wrestler wins final of contest

AN international wrestler who trains at a Wolverhampton club has added another title to his impressive list of wins.

Chinu Singh, aged 26, who trains at Wolverhampton Wrestling Club which is part of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple complex on Cannock Road, won the British Senior Wrestling Championship in 125kg freestyle.

Singh from Oldbury, who does Olympic freestyle wrestling, beat M Khan in the finals at English Institute of Sports, Sheffield on Sunday May 11.

This is the English Champion's seventh British championship. Singh also wrestles for England and Great Britain.

Robinson guns for Euro glory

CALLUM ROBINSON says he wants to cash in on a dream season by firing England to the European Championships.

The Villa starlet is eyeing more success with the under-19s this summer after his claret and blue breakthrough.

Noel Blake's team need just a draw against Ukraine tonight to reach the European Championships in Hungary this July after a 2-1 win over Scotland.

Robinson scored in the 6-0 rout of Montenegro at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday and revealed he is revelling in his achievement this season.

"It's been a season I wouldn't have expected really," he said.

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Clement is the new favourite for Baggies No.1

Football

REAL Madrid coach Paul Clement has emerged as a possible contender to be Albion's new boss after revealing he is ready to try his hand at management.

Clement, who helped Real win the European Cup on Saturday, is believed to be interested in the Hawthorns hotseat as he eyes up his first job as a 'No.1'.

The 42-year-old, who is the brother of former Baggies defender Neil Clement, was installed as odds-on favourite to succeed Pepe Mel as bookmakers slashed his price. Clement, who has assisted Carlo Ancelotti at Chelsea, Paris Saint Germain and Real, has long coveted a chance to manage his own side.

And, in the wake of Real's Champions League final win against Atletico Madrid on Saturday, he said: "I think the time for me to be a No.1 is soon.

"A few opportunities have come my way, but this (Real) is a difficult place to leave. It's a great club, a great city, a great tradition and it gives you the opportunity to win things.

"I'm not ruling anything out. It's more than likely it will be in England, but if a nice opportunity came up in another country I wouldn't rule it out.

"Carlo has given me a lot of confidence and given me the belief that one day I can do it. But he hasn't kicked me out of the door just yet."

Clement failed to make the grade as a professional player and left football to train as a teacher before returning to the game as a coach with Chelsea's academy.

He assisted Guus Hiddink briefly during the Dutchman's first-team reign at Stamford Bridge but became a key member of the first-team staff under Ancelotti, who then took Clement to Paris and Madrid.

He has carved out a reputation as an excellent coach and is likely to be of interest to Albion, who hope to complete a seven-man shortlist this week before narrowing the search down to three candidates to be interviewed by chairman Jeremy Peace. He has also been linked with the Brighton job.

But his lack of any managerial experience could count against him in the final reckoning. Clement has also been linked strongly with the manager's job at defeated Championship play-off semi-finalists Brighton.

Ward is edging closer to an exit

STEPHEN WARD'S exit from Wolves has moved a step closer after it emerged he has contract offers from Brighton and Middlesbrough.

The Seagulls and Boro are the first clubs to make contact to indicate they are prepared to sign the 28-year-old left-back on a permanent basis.

But Premier League duo Burnley and Sunderland also have him on their radar and are waiting in the wings if a move to the south coast or Teesside falls through.

The next step is a meeting between Ward's representative and Wolves which is expected to come shortly to thrash out the Ireland international's 'exit strategy'.

But the indications are all parties want a quick resolution.

Ward has a year left on his £12,000-a-week contract which Brighton paid all of last season as he made 44 Championship appearances, scoring four goals and helping them to the play-off semi-finals, where they were beaten by Derby 6-2 on aggregate.

His consistency and success at the Amex Stadium means there may be some negotiating to be done over the fee.

Either way, Brighton would appear to be in the driving seat.

Albion eye new strikers

STRIKERS Jonas Goncalves and Joselu have been linked with summer moves to Albion as QPR considered a fresh bid for Baggies defender Jonas Olsson.

Albion, who hope to narrow down their search for a new head coach to a final three by the end of the week, are lining up potential new recruits after beginning a summer clearout by shedding 10 players from their squad.

And eight-time Brazil international Jonas, who looks set to leave Valencia this summer, and German-based Spaniard Joselu, who is with Hoffenheim, have been mentioned as potential targets.

But the Baggies are also braced for possible fresh interest in Olsson, with QPR's promotion back to the Premier League triggering ambitious plans from Loftus Road boss Harry Redknapp.

WOLVES 'READY TO GET PHYSICAL'

PLAYER of the Year Kevin McDonald believes Wolves will be primed and ready for the Championship's gruelling physical demands next season.

The team's chief playmaker is confident head coach Kenny Jackett's attention to detail will leave nothing to chance in the League One champions' bid for a major impact in the second tier.

Football

Jackett has made the players' conditioning and fitness a key feature of his regime but acknowledges last season's record-breakers will be bidding for a repeat against much more testing opposition.

McDonald, a unanimous Player of the Year winner and stand-out figure in a new team overhauled by Jackett, is already relishing the challenge.

"Everyone wants to play at the top level and to do so they have to do everything they possibly can do physically to get there," he says.

Conditioning

"The manager and the fitness coach and physios are on at us to keep our conditioning right and we have a great set-up here, we're at one of the best clubs to take benefit of that. We're all in good condition and I think the manager just wants a bit more from us.

"This is a chance to play at the highest level and I think I'm at the right club to do it.

"When I signed it was a big decision for me but I'm so glad I made it now.

"I'm still young and have my best years ahead of me, so hopefully I can perform at the same levels as I have done this season."

McDonald, having played such a key role in Wolves' season of transformation, knows he will be a marked man next season. But having already featured in Burnley's first ascent to the Premier League, the 25-year-old reckons he is much better prepared – and a better footballer – four years down the line.

McDonald added: "I'm so excited by it and just buzzing to play there again.

"We've got to work hard over the summer and then hopefully hit the ground running.

"When I was at Burnley, we got promoted through the play-offs and that was unexpected.

"It was a great experience playing in that league then but I was very young."

"It will be different this time because I've matured as a player and as a person, so I'm sure I'll be much better this time around.

"Everyone is looking forward to enjoying their football at a higher level again and just to work hard in one of the top leagues again will be great."

Colman is the best of the pack for running club

Runners from Stourbridge Running Club who took part in the Hagley 10kilometre race

THE recent Hagley 10k race saw 25 runners from Stourbridge taking part in the Worcester County summer mid-week series.

Robert Colman was first for the club in this multi-terrain race (22nd out of 157 runners) with a time of 40.57. Next was Kevin Burke (25th) 41.18 – and also first place in the M50 category, Chris Blake (27th) 41.34, Adam Crompton (48th) 44.09.

The next race in the series will be organised by Bromsgrove and Redditch Athletic Club and is at Redditch – it is incorporating the Worcestershire Multi-Terrain championships.

The recent Bulmers Bash, held at Wichenford, Worcestershire, is an undulating 6.5 mile off road course through the orchards of Bulmers. Joan Clarke won the Female over 55 category. Chris Blake narrowly missed out on a medal – he was 5th out of 92 runners with a time of 41.39. Steven Burch (21st) 48.55 and Philip Elwell (44th) 53.56.

The White peak Marathon, held in Matlock, Derbyshire recently had two runners taking part from the club. Duncan Cornish finish 52nd in 3.51.33 and Anthony Homer 53rd, 3.51.35. This is ideal training for the impending 130 mile race Duncan Cornish is going to run on the 23rd August.

£3,000 in darts contest

THE second annual Winmau BDO Wolverhampton Open is already attracting interest from around the UK and further afield, say organisers.

With a £3,000 prize fund (£1,000 to the champion) and a place in the 2014 Winmau World Masters and 2015 Lakeside World Championship Play-offs on offer for the winner, this year's tournament is sure to be hotly contested by the world's best players and local talent.

The tournament will be staged at Wolverhampton Sports Arena, Racecourse Road on SaturdayAugust23.

One of the first players to sign up is double World Champion Ted Hankey, who is fighting back to fitness after a stroke.To register to play in this event, please send a cheque or postal order for £10 along with your name, postal address and email address to The Competition Secretary, British Darts Organisation, Unit 4, Glan-y-Llyn Industrial Estate, Taff's Well, Cardiff, CF15 7JD. Please include an SAE if you require confirmation of your entry. The closing date is Monday August 18.

Blues nearer to a takeover

A TAKEOVER at Birmingham City appeared to be edging closer after it was confirmed an offer has been made to buy part of the club.

Blues parent company, Birmingham International Holdings, confirmed the offer to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The firm will only sell a maximum of 24 per cent of its stake.

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